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BID TO END THE BERLIN CRISIS

Foreign Ministers To Meet If Blockade Is Lifted

Russian Acceptance Believed To Be Likely

Paris, October 6.

The Security Council today adjourned indefinitely in a sudden move to provide a chance to end the Berlin crisis by friendly means.

Tokyo Cabinet Resigns

New York, October 7. The "New York Times" radio station broadcast a Tokyo report today that the Japanese coalition Cabinet had resigned after Premier Hiroshi Ashida had conferred with General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in the Far East.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN DEMAND ON ITALY

Moscow, October 7. Russia has told Italy that she wants the Italian warships allotted to her under the peace treaty to be handed over immediately. Tass, the official Russian news agency said today.

The Russian demand was contained in a note handed by the Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, to the Italian Ambassador in Moscow on October 4. The Soviet note reminded Italy that she was to have given Russia the Italian naval vessels designated in the treaty within three months of the treaty coming into force—by December 15, 1947.

"Nevertheless," the statement added, "the Italian Government has not turned over a single ship to the Soviet Government to this day."

The note said that Russia had made it "considerably easier" for Italy to implement the treaty by agreeing to accept 33 ships without repairs and agreeing not to demand compensation for their subsequent repair.

Russian Accusation
Britain and the United States have waived their rights under the treaty, provided the ships allotted to them were broken up. France waived her rights to some of the ships allotted to her.

The ships falling to Russia include a battleship and ten other major warships. Russia has already accused Italy of trying to "evade" the treaty provisions regarding her fleet.

The Italian Government was understood to have held the view that Russia should follow the example of the three western allies and modify the naval clause of the peace treaty in Italy's favour.—Reuter.

Pressure On Satellites

Prague, October 6. The Communist parties of the Eastern European States are preparing for a closer formal association of the people's democracies with the Soviet Union, according to observers in Prague.

Opinion has lately increasingly hardened round a belief that Moscow is organising and may shortly announce an Eastern Union in reply to the Western Union.

If the move succeeds, Russia will lift her blockade of Berlin, the Western Allies will drop their appeal to the United Nations and the Big Four would meet on German problems generally.

Sources close to the Big Three Western powers suggested that the United States, Britain and France may jointly sponsor a resolution under which the Security Council will appeal to Russia to lift the Berlin blockade.

These quarters said the Big Three representatives will take advantage of the recess to consult privately on whether they will jointly sponsor such a resolution or leave it to the other Council members.

2. Whether such a resolution, if decided upon, would confine itself to asking the Russians to lift the blockade. Well-informed sources in Berlin said there was a fair chance that Russia would accept a Western proposal and the blockade of Berlin in exchange for an immediate meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers on Germany. However, they appeared sceptical that there would be any advantages for the West.

"Why shouldn't Russia accept? The Soviets still would be in a position to clamp a blockade or again any time it suited their purpose," was the attitude.

A high American Army official said he did not anticipate a formal announcement if the blockade were lifted.

"The Soviets probably would simply start moving. Or someone in the

Princess Leaves BALMORAL
Balmoral, October 7. Princess Elizabeth tonight goes home to Buckingham Palace where she will have her birthday.

Ending a long holiday at Balmoral, the Princess and other members of the Royal family are journeying by train to London, where the Princess's child is expected in mid-November.—Associated Press.

Churchill Sold Out In A Week

London, October 7. Out of an unprecedented allotment of 150 tons of paper for first printing, Cassell and Company managed to squeeze 222,000 copies of the first volume of Winston Churchill's "The Second World War" just published here under the title of "The Gathering Storm."

Editions are already out of print and a collector's item and the publishers, preparing to publish the second volume, are wondering where the paper is coming from for the second edition of the first volume.

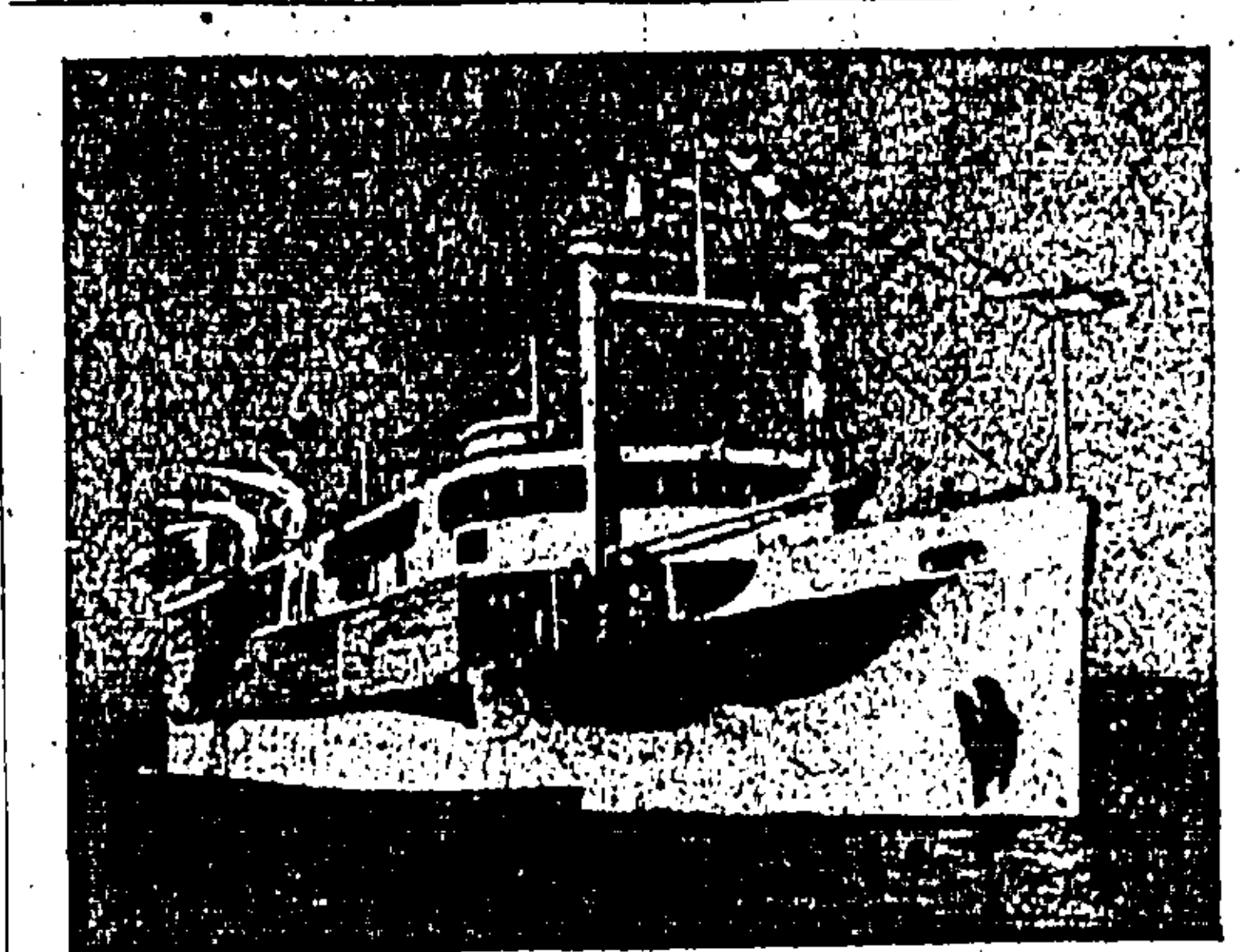
Although it was not published here until October 4, subscriptions for the volume, which sells at 25/- per copy, had to be closed on July 6 when the edition was fully subscribed.

It was the largest first printing since the "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" by Lawrence of Arabia, and it was at least four times larger than any other privately published book of general interest since the war.

To obtain the extra allotment of paper, Cassell and Company appealed to the Moberly Pool Organisation established to provide flexibility in paper rationing in the interest of books of special educational or historical value. It consists of the Paper Controller, a representative of the Board of Trade and three publishers' representatives.

The same procedure will be followed by the publishers now preparing to publish the second volume of Mr. Churchill's war memoirs, of new quotas of paper to be established next month.

Whether any paper can be found for the second printing of the first volume is an open question, but a spokesman for Cassell



Shown on trial on the St. Lawrence River is one of nine aluminium superstructure vessels which are being built in Canada for use on the Yangtze River.

CHINA'S SHOPPING SPREE ALARMS NANKING

Nanking, October 7. China's legislators alarmed over the shopping spree which is rapidly spreading across the country like a prairie fire, are introducing emergency proposals for adoption at the Legislative Yuan meeting tomorrow to ensure the normal supply of commodities.

In their demand for prompt remedial action, the legislators blame idle capital, accumulated from the currency conversions, and the chronic lag in production for the present marketing stampede, which today left Nanking restaurants without breakfast food, for lack of sugar and eggs.

As opposed to the statement by Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo that there are enough reserves of commodities in Shanghai to last another year, the legislators claim that commodity supplies registered in that city are "insufficient" with other cities even in a worse condition.

Stating this to be the direct result of the continuing decline in production, the legislators suggest, firstly, that government banks extend loans to productive enterprises, preferably under contract to be repaid in the form of products manufactured, thus giving the Government control over the distribution of supplies.

Secondly, the Government should encourage private individuals to import such essential machinery and raw materials, and establish a domestic or permit the entry of such items under the export-import link system with the benefit of official foreign exchange allocations if necessary.

Guaranteed Profits
Thirdly, the Government issued warrants to prospective investors in productive enterprises against any possible financial loss and at the same time to request the officials in charge of Government-owned and private enterprises to issue clear and detailed prospectus, with a guarantee of profit.

Fourthly, a coupon rationing system to be introduced in major cities to cover all essential commodities, to halt the shopping rush and to ensure normal supply to meet the public needs.—Reuter.—A.P.

FOREIGN FIRMS RECEIVE DEMANDS

Shanghai, October 7. Eight American and seven British firms have received demands from Mayor K. C. Wu for donations to a relief fund.

The letters were signed by the mayor in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Relief Contribution Committee which during that past few months gathered a name for itself as the "donor" committee. This is the first time foreign firms have been approached for what amounts to compulsory contributions. Till now, only Chinese firms and individuals were affected.

The demand notes signed by the mayor said the firms "must donate funds" for relief, on instructions from the Executive Yuan in Nanking.

They said in part: "Those who have priority of sharing foreign exchange profits and have been most favourably treated by the Chinese Government, must make a two per cent contribution based on foreign exchange granted them."

The letters went on to specify the exact amount the recipients had to pay and ended: "Please effect this payment at your earliest convenience. As the matter concerns relief of refugees, you are requested to act promptly."

No action so far has been taken by the American or British firms which received the letters. The general manager of one of the American firms said all the recipients had agreed to await developments. A British spokesman described the Chinese demand as "foxy."

"If stronger measures are applied by authorities, we will have to refer them to our consulate," he said.—Associated Press.

NEW START AGREED ON ATOM BOMB CONTROL

Paris, October 7. Russia today called for a "new beginning" in atomic energy control negotiations and the Western Powers have agreed to spend another year in searching for a satisfactory formula. The break in the atomic energy dispute came in the form of a New Zealand proposal supported by the American delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, calling for new talks among the Big Five Powers and Canada.

New Zealand proposed to the Political Committee that the United States, Britain, France, Russia, China and Canada spend another year in attempts to find some mutually satisfactory formula for international control of atomic energy.

Mr. Austin's approval of the New Zealand resolution was a reversal of the previous Western stand which called for a clean break in all atomic energy negotiations with Russia. Under the New Zealand proposal the Big Five Powers and Canada would form a sub-committee to see if a basis for East-West agreement on atomic energy could be found.

Some delegates complained that the creation of a new sub-committee might call for the discarding of two years of work in the Atomic Energy Commission and starting all over again.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Jacob Malik, challenged the complaints and declared that a new start might have beneficial effects. He asked "What is wrong with that? Why should the Atomic Energy Commission consider it so vital a result of two years' work that it will shrink from reconsidering the atomic problem from the beginning?"

New Breath
The representative for the United States, Mr. Joseph Chifley, said "It must do so. It must begin from a new beginning. This will bring a new breath of air to the work."

The United States delegate had evaded a panic-stricken demand for a new start. He had shown more dread of agreement than of the atomic bomb itself. Why does the United States delegate actually dread a formula for approach to a general agreement? We pray for a general agreement.

The Western Powers abandoned their insistence on suspending atomic energy negotiations with Russia when it became apparent that they would be defeated if they took it to a vote.

The Canadian proposal had called for a clean break in the fruitless atomic energy talks of the past two years and had asked the Political Committee to recommend to the General Assembly that the United States grant the American control.

The New Zealand proposal directed the sub-committee to take into consideration the New Soviet proposal submitted at this Assembly calling for simultaneous outlawing of the atomic bomb and establishment of international control. This proposal marked a change in the original Soviet stand which insisted that the United States must destroy all

OFFICIAL INQUIRY DEMANDED
Canton, October 7. Kwangtung's delegates to the National Assembly are meeting here to discuss the alleged report that the Kwangtung Provincial Bank bought large amounts of Hong Kong dollars on the eve of China's currency reforms.

The legitimacy of the transaction has already been explained, but the delegates are said to be demanding an official investigation so as to allay any doubts that may still exist among the public.—Reuter.

FRENCH BID FOR THE BLUE RIBAND

London, October 7. Reports that France intends to capture the Atlantic "Blue Riband" and a large slice of the transatlantic luxury passenger traffic with the former German liner, Europa, were widely circulated in British and American shipping circles here today.

The Europa, since named La Liberté, is being reconstructed and refitted in French yards near St. Nazaire under conditions of great secrecy.

According to shipping men, France is spending between £4,000,000 and £5,000,000 on reconstructing the luxury liner and intends to make the vessel the "fastest and most luxurious" liner on the North Atlantic run when the vessel is put into service early in 1950.

While there is some concern among British shipping circles, who all but monopolize the transatlantic service with the "Queens," there is considerable change among American shipping company officials.

They recall that the Europa was offered to the United States in the division of war spoils, but the vessel was voluntarily relinquished to the French in favour of a number of cargo ships which the United States did not need.

The Europa was turned down by the United States Maritime Commission on the grounds that her wiring was unsafe, her fire door equipment inadequate, and the ballasting system not up to standard.—Reuter.



Appointed to take over the post of Commander-in-Chief, British Far East Land Forces, in July next, is 52-year-old Lieutenant General Sir John Harding, who will succeed General Sir Neil Ritchie, who moves to Washington.—(A.P. Photo).

CHIFLEY HITS BACK

CABINET SECRETS FURORE

Sydney, October 7. Dramatic incidents, reminiscent of scenes from the atom espionage film "Iron Curtain" suddenly climaxed a week in the Federal House of Representatives, with Mr. Joseph Chifley's revelation that "a search is proceeding for people who are prepared to steal secret Government documents, or to seduce public servants from their sense of duty."

The Prime Minister's bombshell fell at the end of a protracted exchange of counter-charges between the Opposition and the Government over the revived question of last July's sensational that the United States was withholding secret atomic energy information from Australia, because the American Atomic Energy Commission feared leakages to the Soviet Union through Australian Communists in Government service.

Notwithstanding the efforts by Mr. Chifley to close the case by denying the American fear, or that leakages were possible, the Opposition succeeded in reopening the whole question.

This week, without warning, Mr. Arthur Fadden, Opposition Leader and one-time Prime Minister, challenged the Government to tell Australia the truth about America's reluctance to give this country secret atomic research information.

Practically Impossible
"I am going to quote a confidential document," Mr. Fadden continued. "Will the Prime Minister deny that at a meeting of the British Cabinet in London on July 8 he said that he understood the United States was reluctant to give Australia secret information about atomic research?"

Refusing to "deny or admit" anything that he said to the British Cabinet, Mr. Chifley demanded to know where Mr. Fadden obtained his "privileged" information.

Mr. Fadden replied that he was not obliged to state the source, but disclosed their source, the Prime Minister charged that they were either "stolen or forged."

Later, Mr. Chifley followed up this by saying that he had recalled assurances from Mr. Clement Attlee that leakage of his discussions with the Cabinet was practically impossible from Britain.

"Now we have the task thrown on us of engaging Security Service to supervise the activities of members of Parliament, who are supposed to use stolen documents of a secret character to get some political advantage," Mr. Chifley added.—Reuter.



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YMCA Invitation To Servicemen

The annual general meeting of the European YMCA was held at Kowloon yesterday. Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said in his report that the year's operations resulted in a surplus of HK\$30,000.

The meeting approved the report and the statement of accounts. The three retiring directors were re-elected. In his report Mr. Cassidy said: "It is a pleasure to report that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year has been closed. The total income for the year was HK\$252,000, the bulk of which comes from our room rentals with profit on meals, etc. We have disbursed HK\$200,000, of which HK\$25,450 is in respect of expenditure on buildings, furniture and equipment. The heavy item in our expenditure is salaries and wages but I would point out that this would have been very much higher if we had been able to obtain the services of additional staff recruited from England."

The excess of income over expenditure amounted to HK\$50,000 and we have transferred to this, HK\$25,000 to provide for further rehabilitation expenses which we are committed. We have also transferred HK\$20,000 to start a building fund, and an object is to add to it annually that when the time comes to build we shall have a substantial fund to supplement the normal depreciation which we write off each year.

Staff Remuneration
During the year the Board met very closely into the question of staff remuneration and as a result a Provident Fund scheme was brought into operation on May 1. In the case of the General Secretary special arrangements had been made since we have transferred the amount standing to his credit to the custody of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Trustee Department so that the fund is entirely separate from our cash account.

Club Activities
Under Club Activities you will find some 13 or 14 items all of which require an organisation to foster them. In some cases direction is left almost entirely to the General Secretary and his staff and I do again urge members to take their fair share of the work involved. The Library is coming along very well thanks to the time devoted to it by Mr. Tyndall and his helpers. The Debating and Discussion Group is another section which stands on its own feet and thanks to the energy of Mr. F. L. Skinner, who was Chairman last year, it has been firmly re-established.

A.D.C. Section
The A.D.C. Section has provided enjoyment for large audiences as well as for those taking part and I feel sure it will continue, as in the past, to be one of the very active branches of the work of the Y. Other sections vary in the contribution they make to the work of the Y as a whole. Some of them suffer from insufficient support which usually means they lack a vigorous Committee to develop them.

Since the war we have noticed a remarkable reluctance on the part of members in undertaking committee work. This is a striking contrast to pre-war days when committees abounded and were full of ideas. Speaking as one who has served on numerous committees during the past 35 years, I am of opinion that the opportunity of associating with others in a common cause is excellent training for those who aspire to public life and for those who do not it is certainly valuable experience. An exchange of ideas and views with people of other shades of opinion can not altogether be satisfied that we are doing enough for the Services. What we can do, however, is to bring servicemen in touch with civilian men and women, and provide an atmosphere which is totally different from that in a service club or other establishment.

"We should like every serviceman who has been a member of the YMCA at home to let us know that he is stationed here and we are particularly anxious to be of help to anyone who wants to spend his leisure time in different surroundings. We are very glad to find that our pre-war link with the mercantile marine is stronger than ever. Our General Secretary, who has just returned from a round tour to Japan, found a substantial proportion of the officers of his ship were members of the Y. It is not only the officers whom we are glad to see here but also their wives many of whom take a prominent part in the activities of the Women's Section."

Secretary's Burden
I wish to pay my annual tribute to the General Secretary and his staff. We take so much for granted that it probably does not occur to many what a vast amount of work has to be done to keep this establishment going, not only the hostel and the club room but also the association which in itself is a big undertaking. We have tried and are continuing our efforts to obtain the services of at least one YMCA trained Secretary from home and it is possible that the fact of the matter is that the Y has been disrupted YMCA training as it has training for all the professional and technical staff and I feel that he will

Remembrance Day Decision

London, October 7. The King has decided that Sunday, November 7, shall be observed as Remembrance Day. The Home Office states that the two-minute silence will be observed throughout the United Kingdom and local authorities are asked to arrange for the suspension of vehicular traffic between 11.00 a.m. and 11.02 a.m. Details of arrangements in the United Kingdom will be forwarded to all parts of the Empire.—Reuter.

Let eyes on the YMCA or hear it mentioned. I do not intend to refer to any other members of our staff and hard-working staff except to say that Mr. Sykes is working hard and is infusing the Y with his energy and enthusiasm and associate with the Younger Set."

CORRESPONDENCE

A Problem

Sir,—For a long time there has been in Kowloon in particular a very serious state of affairs in the various dance halls and honky-tonks that flourish there.

Kowloon used to be heavily infested with prostitutes and these prostitutes used to walk the streets and ply their trade quite openly. Then I believe someone wrote to the Press and the Very Overworked Police on this side started to "do something about it."

They drove these girls, many of them between the ages of 15 and 25, off the streets so that the eyes of the citizen was no longer offended by them. Where they went was obvious. Up to this police action they had gone about openly, and after that they could be seen any night hurrying along in rickshaws to the dives, dance halls, and honky-tonks which started to flourish about this time. There are many of these but the best known are the "Queens" and the "Cocktail Bar", both situated in Nathan Road and both heavily patronised by all kinds from young bloods out for the night and business men down to downright vice-boys and spivs. European, Chinese, and Portuguese.

So far as I believe the Managers and Owners of these places take no "rake off" as their American counterparts do but they do nothing to discourage the soliciting which goes on in their premises. Because without that type of girl their business wouldn't pay the necessary dividends to make it worth while.

The solution to the very grave problem of prostitution in this Crown Colony is not to take such police action as will merely stir around the girls, and drive them into new haunts or further under cover, but to take intelligent action to make it not worth while to be a prostitute. I have spoken to some of these girls, and there are quite a number who are intelligent and who are quite willing to talk with anyone who treats them as a human being and not as just a means of sex gratification. Those I have spoken to can be divided into two distinct classes.

A. Girls who frankly admit that they like the life, don't want to work even if they could find work, and who prefer the excitement of a series of different sex mates. B. Girls who have had a sweetheart, or are in love with an Allied Forces while the Colony is brilliant, was just liberated, and who were then abandoned by their sweetheart with the promise of being "sent for" and taken as a wife. Some of these girls have "sweethearts" little sons or daughters to provide for, and some of them do as good a job as they can to support a very bad job indeed. I have seen some of these United Nations efforts and the story is always the same. The girl likes and sometimes loves her child but it is a heavy burden to her and she very often hates the father pretty badly. None of these sweethearts seem to have any feeling of bitterness or resentment and none to whom I have spoken ever really expected anything else to happen when the boat pulled away.

Watch the Dilwara sail some time, and you will see Chinese girls in tears leaving the wharf or setting off blithely to find a new sweetheart depending on whether they are this or that type of girl.

All this is a serious problem, but it isn't a problem for the police department it is a problem for the Women of the Colony. These very women who have been holding meetings amongst themselves about women's rights and votes and legislation and jury service. I am very happy that they are doing so for they will in my estimate of them do more for the Colony than their commercial gilded husbands have done in the last three years.

Let them start here on this problem of these young girls who for whatever reason are prostitutes, and let them take the first steps to hold out a hand which will help to pick up out of the gutter (where our soldiers and sailors throw them) the better and the more respectable of the girls and let them see the value of the girl and the value of the girl who is a prostitute. We have in the Colony a able and widely experienced Psychiatrist and I feel that he will

without a moment's hesitation agree to work with the Women's Council on any scheme which they may have for the treatment of those of these girls whose mental make up militates, because of its defects, in making them prostitutes who "like it."

JOHN WARD.

Buzzing In The Ears

Sir,—The fresh air on the Peak evidently had quite an effect on HIKER. Can you imagine an "average" person, sitting on the Peak, aggressively pitting the imbedded bulldozers and at the same time not going off the edge? Come now, that is a bit too much. I, too, have walked on Harlech Road and found that it was much easier for me to step to the side rather than expect a car to do so.

As for the claim of being an Income Taxpayer, Hiker evidently feels unique in this respect. However, with a well-paved street by one's place of residence it is easy to adopt such an attitude. May I suggest that he walks around Harlech on a stormy night to see how the residents must fare who express the view that all matters regarding road conditions prevent taxes from entering?

COMMON SENSE

Local Security

Sir,—Bagehot once remarked that it was the first function of any Government to protect its people from violence from within and from anarchy from without. A Government such as Hong Kong cannot, except with little, protect its people from violence from without. That duty lies elsewhere. It can and must deal with civil disorder and anticipate probabilities and possibilities.

I have no doubt that the Government of Hong Kong is alive to its duties in the matter. I wonder, however, if the time has not come when it might with advantage take the public into its confidence and ask for any co-operation that is desired.

The achievement of those responsible for the running of the Police Force in the Colony seems to me to have been little short of brilliant. Within a short period of a time they have produced a force of which any community might be proud. Advance, too, is noticeable month by month. Well officered, of good appearance, courteous, alert and confident, they give me the impression that they could be relied upon in any emergency.

Are their numbers however sufficient? Has the value of a voluntary auxiliary force to be used only in the event of extreme emergency not been before any emergency arises been sufficiently canvassed?

We still live in the atmosphere of war and rumours of war. Every contingency, however remote, should therefore be considered. I forward this letter with diffidence. It was inspired by my own admiration of the organization capacity exhibited by the Police Force of Hong Kong. I wondered if it could be further exploited through the general public whose co-operation I am confident could be relied upon. Auxiliary forces military and civil should be considered. Self respect comes into the matter. The general state of order here is of course splendid. That, however, is not the point.

CHARLES LOBBY.

FOKI CRITICALLY WOUNDED

A 31-year-old feld of a tea-house in Canton Road was seriously injured yesterday by a customer. The man, Mong Kau, admitted to the Kowloon Hospital that stab wounds, was in a critical condition last night. He was stabbed when he grappled with a customer who attempted to run out of the tea-house without paying. The police have been informed of the alleged attack.

EX-INSPECTOR COWIE GAINS LEGAL DECISION

Mr. Justice Gould (Rains Judge), yesterday held that it was open to William Henry Cowie to raise, in his action against the Attorney General, the question of breaches of natural justice in the proceedings before the Board of Inquiry.

William Henry Cowie, who was formerly employed by the Government of Hong Kong as a Sub-Inspector of Police, is suing the Attorney General as the nominated representative of the Crown, for damages for alleged wrongful dismissal.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y. H. Chan of Messrs. Tso and Hodgson, is representing Cowie the plaintiff, while Mr. A. Lonsdale, Acting Solicitor General, is representing the Attorney General, defendant.

Giving his decision, Mr. Justice Gould said in part: "In this case I have already decided the question whether, assuming the proceeding by the Board of Inquiry to have been regularly conducted in accordance with the regulations, the defendant's plea that the finding of the Board was res judicata, was prima facie valid."

That decision left open the question whether the irregularities alleged by the plaintiff in his statement of claim and the further particulars delivered, if established, would afford him an affirmative answer to that plea. This further point was set down for argument in what I now consider to be an unfortunate form: "Whether the question of any breach of natural justice in the proceedings before the Board of Inquiry can be raised in this action."

Only Matter
The question being in this form, I think the only matter I can usefully decide having regard to the pleadings and the argument as it developed is whether the plaintiff is entitled to rely as an affirmative answer upon any matter not involving some form of dishonesty or fraud. Matters involving the latter have frequently been described as breaches of natural justice and admittedly provide an affirmative answer to a plea of res judicata, but they are not alleged in this action.

"In order to ascertain what further affirmative answers may be relied upon after matters involving mala fides are eliminated, it is convenient to refer to Spencer Bower on Res Judicata at page 183, where he expresses the view that all matters affording an affirmative answer to such a plea, prima facie good, fall into one or other of two main classes. The first class comprises cases where there is an allegation of fraud in its widest sense and the second are cases of estoppel. The latter is not relied upon in this case and, as I have said, there is no allegation of fraud in its ordinary sense."

"Counsel for the plaintiff, however, relies upon the very wide meaning given to the term for this purpose by Spencer Bower. At page 184 he states: 'The fraud necessary to destroy a prima facie case of estoppel by res judicata includes every variety of mala fides and mala praxis whereby one of the parties misleads and deceives the judicial tribunal and also any form of judicial misconduct practised by the tribunal itself, with or without the concurrence and connivance of a party.'"

"At page 180 it is stated: 'The fraud may have been practised, by, not upon, the tribunal, using the term, fraud, in its largest sense, so as to include judicial misconduct, which is wide enough to include the irregularities he seeks to set up in this case. No one will dispute that mala fides of any sort in the tribunal, corruption, bias or any form of misconduct, will afford an affirmative answer, and in fact the authorities quoted for the above passages, by the learned author in respect of the passages quoted above go on further than this."

"Counsel for the defendant has argued that only mala fides of a mischievous character, which contains an element of mala fides, is available as an affirmative answer to res judicata. Counsel for the defendant submitted that the form of proceedings proper to be taken by the plaintiff in the case where mala fides was not involved, was by certiorari. He based his submission on the special position given to fraud in our law."

"I hold, that the affirmative answers which the plaintiff may rely upon are not limited to those involving an element of mala fides but that if anything he alleges amounts to the plea that he has been denied a hearing to the extent which has been held in decided cases to amount to a breach of natural justice, he is entitled to rely upon it in these proceedings. Nothing less will suffice and no other answer is open to the plaintiff, save a question of jurisdiction not already determined against him."

The question for my decision, having regard to the authorities cited, is whether the plaintiff is entitled to rely upon the irregularities alleged by him, whether any of the irregularities alleged by the plaintiff, if established, could possibly amount to such a denial."

Pawning Typewriters Was A Habit

Nine typewriters, said to have been pawned by the manager of a roping company, were ordered to be returned to their owners by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

It was alleged that Lo Siu-wah, manager of United Typewriter Company collected the machines from several firms for the purpose of effecting repairs. The typewriters after being repaired were sent to pawnshops and returned to the respective owners. Mr. A. M. L. Soares represented the two pawnbrokers and Inspector T. Cashman was for the police.

Mr. Soares said that the nine typewriters were pawned to his clients on various dates by Lo Siu-wah of the United Typewriter Company for various amounts. He would ask the magistrate to order the typewriters to be returned to their respective owners after full payment of interest up to August 21 had been paid to his clients.

Mr. Soares produced 40 pawn tickets which, he said, represented the number of typewriters Lo had pawned with his clients prior to this particular case, and in which case he had made redemption.

In view of the fact that his clients should accept in pawn any typewriters that this man brought. Furthermore, he said, that no notification had been received by his clients from the police as to three losses.

Giving his decision, Mr. d'Almada ordered that all the typewriters be returned to their respective owners after full payment had been made, together with interest up to August 21.

Police Officer Discharged

Police-sergeant 409 Chan Shu, attached to the Shamshui-poo station, was discharged by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday when Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that the prosecution was offering no evidence against him on the charge of procuring.

The hearing of this case was originally fixed for October 29 when accused, defended by Mr. A. S. C. Comer, was to face the charge of procuring by threats or intimidation a certain woman to have unlawful connections with him at the Nam Lo Bazaar, Hong Kong, on August 20.

Defendant was first brought before the court on September 10 when he was remanded for six days on bail of \$5,000.

TO BE MARRIED

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Willem Cortis, Acting Chancellor, Netherlands Consulate General, of 43 Conduit Road, and Miss Carol Ann Aschberger, secretary, of 28 MacDonnell Road.

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Thinking he could make some easy money by threatening an old woman, Ng Wing demanded that Leung Yin pay him \$50 or he would pull down her hut. She refused to pay him so he kicked her under her chin.

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Vessel Held At Taishan By Customs

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The cruiser A4, under the command of Captain Williams, brought the weeping passengers to Hong Kong yesterday at the request of the riverboat company.

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COUNSEL GAINS FURTHER REMAND IN WILLIS CASE

In spite of strong opposition from the prosecution, Mr. P. J. Griffith was successful yesterday in obtaining a further week's remand in the case of John Willis, American subject and raturant owner, who is facing a charge of entering the colony without a valid passport.

The case was heard before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central. At the original hearing, Willis was charged with entering the colony without a valid passport and through his counsel Mr. Griffith applied for and was granted a month in which to apply to the proper authorities in Hong Kong to have Willis' residence in the colony legalised.

At the expiration of the month, it was said that the authorities did not approve of the American's stay in Hong Kong and arrangements were made for his departure on October 6.

A further week's remand was then granted to enable his counsel to approach the American authorities.

Authorities Agree

Yesterday Mr. Griffith informed the magistrate that the American authorities have agreed to take the matter up, but just how far they have gone he could not say and in the circumstances would ask for another week's remand.

Inspector Moran said that he had been instructed to oppose an application that may be made by counsel for defence in respect of any further remands. He said that the defendant would be leaving on a steamer bound for the Everett Steamship Company, from whose ship defendant had deserted.

Replying, Mr. Griffith said that nothing surprised him more than to hear that arrangements had already been made for defendant's departure from the colony, when the magistrate had not even given his decision in the matter.

Counsel added that his client had been in the colony for more than a year, long before the immigration authorities had become aware of his presence here. He had been a very good citizen and had caused no inconvenience to any one.

Counsel also assured the magistrate that should he see fit to grant this further adjournment, he would assure him that he would expedite the matter.

Granting the application, Mr. d'Almada said that in so doing he was taking into consideration that defendant, though due to leave on October 6, no passage money had been paid.

TAIPO VILLAGERS ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Committal proceedings were commenced yesterday, and will continue today, against four unemployed villagers of Taipo on the charges of armed robbery, possession of arms and ammunition, and counselling and procuring.

Chan Ah-fong, aged 27, is being charged with possession of two revolvers and 14 rounds of ammunition at the hillside near Shuen Wan Village, on July 1. He is being defended by Mr. J. M. Hall.

Chan Shui-ping, aged 32, and Tsang Shing, aged 27, face the count of armed robbery at Cheung Muk Village on July 15 and stealing a gold ring, a wrist watch and a wallet containing \$4,000 from Liu Shok-yam. Tang is additionally charged with possession of two revolvers and 44 rounds of ammunition at Shaukiok Village on July 21.

Wan Kau, aged 35, who is also being defended by Mr. Hall, is being charged with counselling and procuring the armed robbery on July 15.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. P. Waldron said that Cheung Kau Village is about two miles from Gullug, and that the robbery occurred at 8.30 p.m. on July 15, when three armed masked men entered the church used by the villagers for a meeting.

Blow Out Light

One of the armed men stood guard at the door and only exit to the church, while another went up the aisle and blew out the light of the altar. The three intruders then flashed their torches and asked for the village elder.

When nobody came forward, they accused the brother of the village elder as being that dignitary. On his denying it, one of the robbers struck him with a revolver and took him out of the church where they demanded the two rifles of the village guards from him.

On that man again denying being the village elder, said DSJ Waldron, he brought him to the church, where he went up to his brother and spoke to him. The brother was approached by the robbers and at the point of revolvers, admitted to being the village elder.

At the meeting, explained DSJ Waldron, was a man, who had recently returned from Jamaica in whom the robbers were very interested. After taking the two rifles from the village elder, they asked for the returned Chinese and, on recognising him for his European-style clothes, brought him to his house.

There they ransacked the whole place but could find nothing, except two locked boxes, the keys of which were held by their captive's wife. When they brought her back to the house, the boxes were found. The robbers also drew blank at the adjoining house.

Wife Struck

When Liu Shok-yam's wife was asked for the money and jewellery of her husband, she returned Chinese, she said that the money was hidden in a box in the kitchen.

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Fraud Case Adjourned

Further evidence was heard before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when S. J. Mowat came before him charged with forging and uttering a bill of lading on February 7 with intent to defraud, and purporting the bill to have been in respect of goods shipped by Benjamin and Sons Storage Company, Limited.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. F. Hammond, prosecuted and Mr. Marcus da Silva represented defendant.

Yesterday's hearing was taken up with cross-examination of complainant by defence counsel.

Mr. B. P. Benjamin in answer to questions by Mr. Silva said that until witness arrived in the colony, defendant signed very few documents.

In matters pertaining to business defendant had always consulted him. In fact defendant had a mutual understanding that he held no Power-of-Attorney, but witness did not inform him personally out of courtesy and also for the reason that they were still friendly.

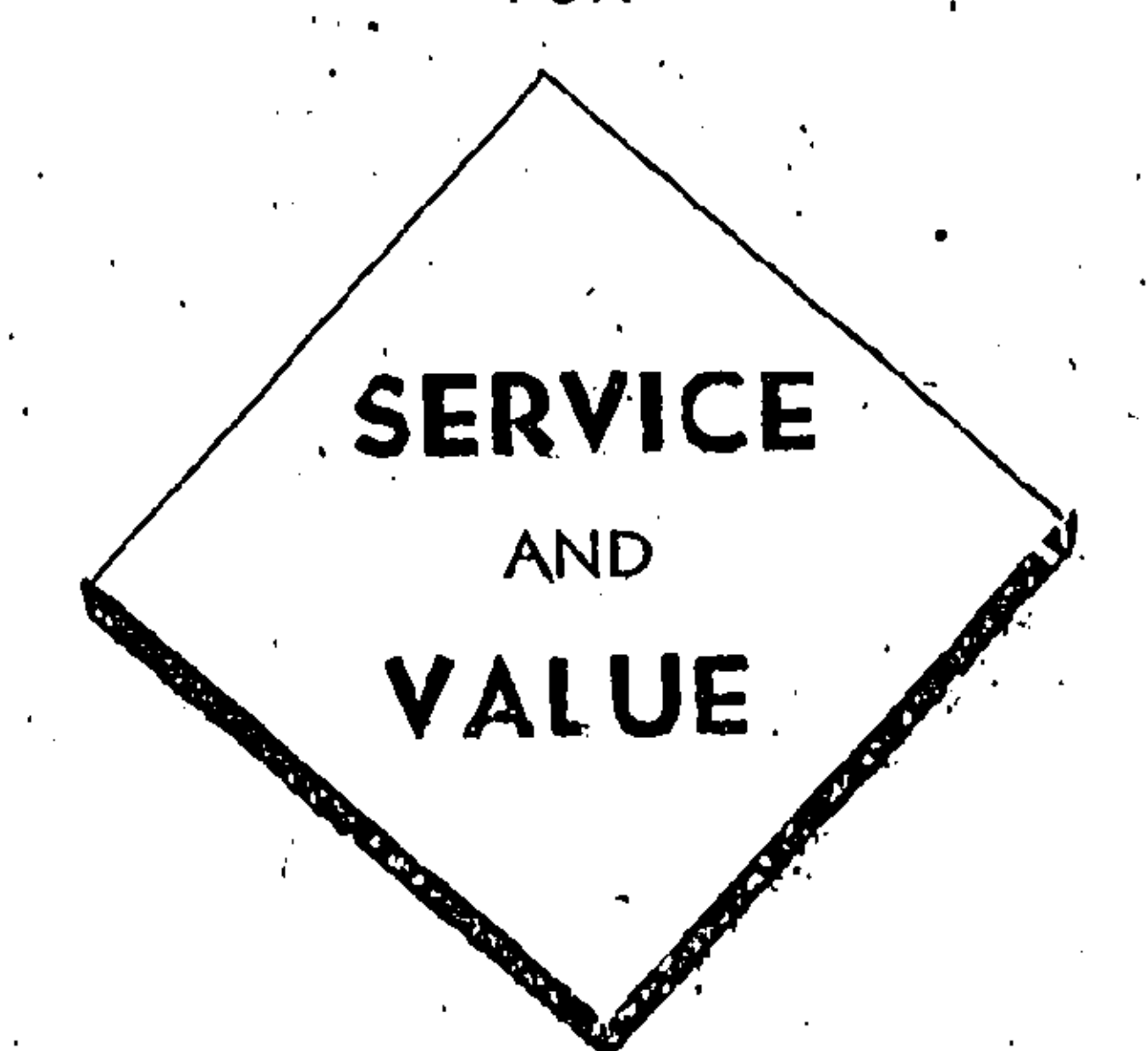
Witness agreed that promissory notes had been given to defendant which had not been redeemed, the reason being that when the accounts were checked, it was found that his debit and credit just balanced.

At this stage, Mr. Silva requested permission to have the hearing adjourned, as he had advised his client to give his evidence after consulting his counsel.

Further hearing was then adjourned until October 20.

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DRUG PEDLARS TO BE BANISHED

Seven drug pedlars were recommended for banishment, after they had served their gaol sentences, by the Kowloon magistrates yesterday, when they pleaded guilty to keeping opium dens and possession of smoking paraphernalia.

Lam Hung, whose divan on the roof of 44 Reclamation Street was raided by Inspector T. Hensley, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and a fine of \$500 (or another three months), by Mr. W. H. Lallier. The three smokers were fined \$50 each.

Inspector T. Orem prosecuted. With a previous conviction in August last for a similar offence, Wong Chi-lam was fined \$350 (or two months' hard labour) plus four months' hard labour by Mr. Wicks for keeping a dive at 105 Apulu Street, second floor.

Mul Yick, the tenant of the floor, was fined \$100, or four months' hard labour, for permitting the premises to be used as a dive. The single smoker, arrested on October 2, was fined \$25.

Three months' sentences

Portland Street, second floor, on October 2. The eight smokers arrested by Sub-Inspector Fung were dealt with last week.

Also remanded from October 2, Cheung Yiu was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Sub-Inspector Fung. The four smokers arrested by SI Fung at the raid were dealt with last week.

Chan Fuk, whose divan in a hut on the roof of 1012 Canton Road was raided by Division Superintendent Luscombe on October 2, was brought before Mr. Wicks on remand yesterday and sentenced to three months' hard labour and a fine of \$100, or another month in gaol.

Sub-Inspector M. H. Evans yesterday secured two more previous convictions for a similar offence in December last.

Mok Yiu, pleading guilty to keeping a dive in an unlicensed hut at Pine Street on October 2, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and a fine of \$100 (or another two months) by Mr. Wicks. He was also sentenced to three months' hard labour and a fine of \$100 (or another two months) by Mr. Wicks. He was also sentenced to three months' hard labour and a fine of \$100 (or another two months) by Mr. Wicks.

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V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works.

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University of Hong Kong, October 6, 1948.

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The Regatta Sailing Instructions will be available to competitors this evening at the Yacht Club.

DANCE

In response to popular request an informal dance will be held after the prizegiving on Monday evening, October 11.

A boat will leave the Yacht Club for Kowloon and Queen's Pier at 8 p.m. and for Kowloon at 11 p.m. and 11.40 p.m.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, the October 11, 1948.

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Mr. Robert Bird, Ship's Officer, is no longer employed by this firm.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

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which will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Marine Department, Hong Kong, October 5, 1948.

Women Charged In Armed Gang Case

The story of how seven alleged members of an armed gang who were responsible for four armed robberies in Shamshuipo and Kowloon City were arrested was told to Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday by Detective Sub-Inspector H. D. Taylor.

Defendants, who were brought before the magistrate on committal proceedings, were Yau Loy alias Yau Kut-loi, Chan Tin-ping alias Ko-loi, Kwan Chan Moon alias Chan Fat, Leung Sui-wah alias Yin Chai, Hung Yung alias Hung Koi, and two women, Leung Koon-lin and Leung Koon-mul. All the five were charged with possession of two revolvers and ammunition at an unnumbered hut at Shek Kip Mei Village on September 10. First accused was additionally charged with the armed robbery at Tuklung Village on August 25. Second defendant faced six additional counts, one of armed robbery at Tuklung Village, two of receiving stolen property, and three of being an accessory before the other three armed robberies.

The two Chans were charged with the armed robberies at 129 Yu Chan Street on August 23, at 78 Tuk Wing Street on September 1, at 20 Talpo Road on September 8, and at Tuklung Village on August 25.

Leung Koon-lin was charged with receiving a gold ring and Leung Koon-mul with receiving two gold rings.

Detective Sub-Inspector H. T. Matches, assisted by Detective Inspector C. Downman, prosecuted. Accused were not legally represented.

Early Morning Raid

In an early morning raid on September 10 at an unnumbered hut at Shek Kip Mei Village, said DSI Taylor, he arrested all the seven defendants and brought them back to Kowloon City Police Station.

Later in the morning, the five male accused took him, Detective Sergeant Tam Chung and Detective Chan Ping-kei back to the hut in the village. Arriving there, Chan Moon brought the police to a grass patch at the back of the hut and pointed to a spot. Detective Chan picked up a bundle of black felt which, on being opened, was found to contain a Colt and a Smith and Wesson type revolver, both fully loaded.

As the result of further investigations made by the police, defendants admitted taking part in the various robberies. A wrist watch, gold ring, eight silver dollars, US\$30 and Straits \$20, and a gold bracelet were found in the possession of the second accused. Hearing will be continued to day.

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GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNAMENT

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3-ROUND CONTEST Sub. Insp. Reynolds (H.K. Police) vs S. B. A. Allen (H.M.S. TAMAR)

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authorities

AVOID THOSE TWO SUITS

IF ONE of your opponents had bid one suit the other a different suit, and they wind up playing the contract in either of those two suits or No Trumps, the duty of the opening leader is pretty clearly delineated. Unless he has something very freakish or at least unusual about his own hand, he should avoid those two suits as he would poison. The declarer's probable playing plan is marked as getting rid of losing cards in the remaining two suits by discarding them on a suit which has been bid. Therefore it is usually incumbent on the opening leader to seek quick winners, or the establishment of them, in one of two unbid suits.

S 10 8 5 3 2
H 5
D Q 10 8 3 2
C J 5

SA 4 H 10 10 6
H 10 10 6
DAK C 7 3 2

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)

Against the lead which West should have called if some irregularity by his opponents had given him the right to command one, it was a trump, the singleton heart 5. It was won by the A. South refrained from repeating it since he saw that North's original idea, to prevent ruffing by dummy, was a futile one. The sole hope to

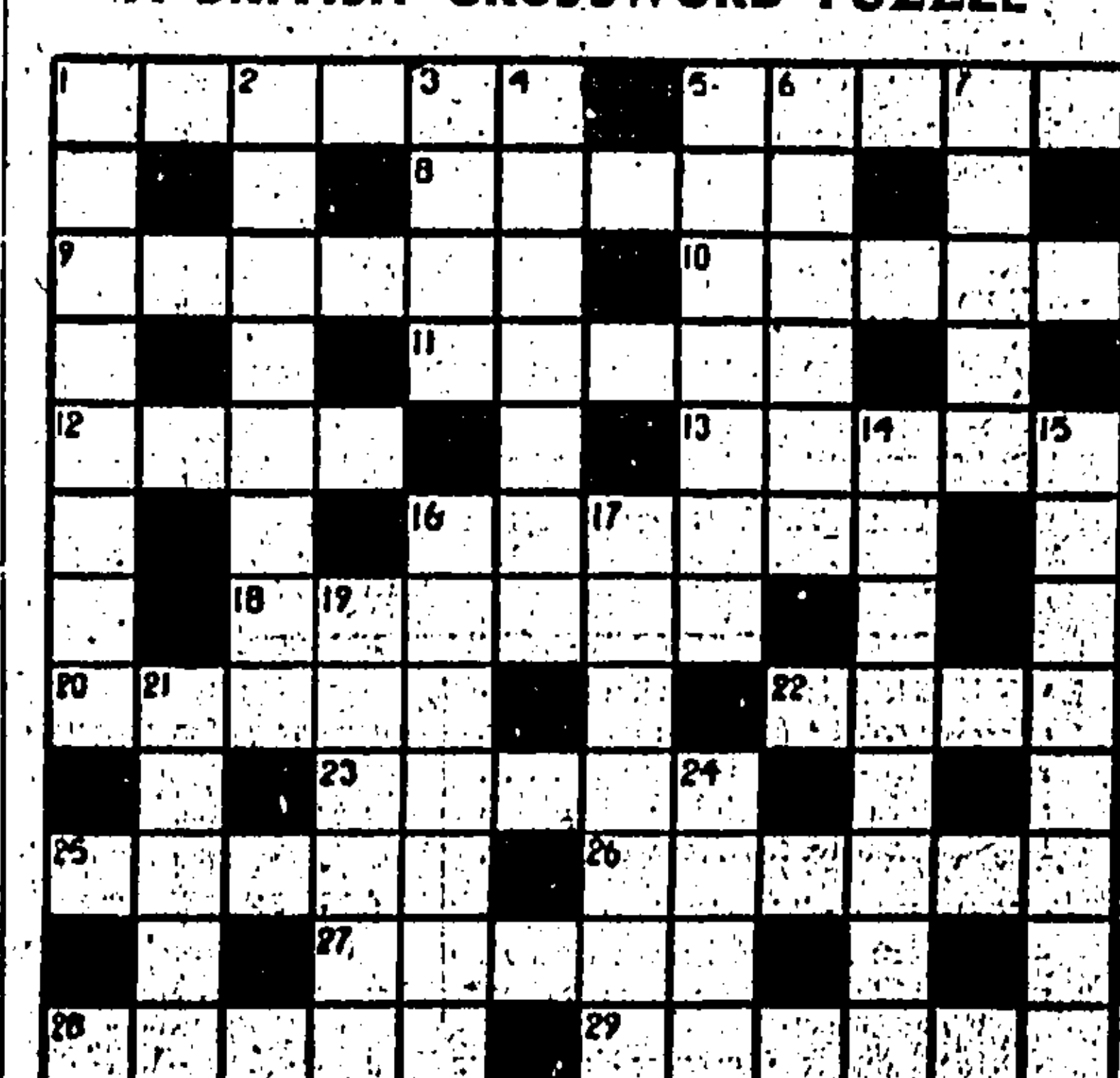
beat the slam was that North could set a trick quickly in diamonds before any losers of that suit were discarded on clubs. So he returned the diamond 4, and it was all over. West took out the last trump, scored three clubs, ruffed the fourth, re-entered dummy with a trump and on the fifth club tossed his losing spade.

Marked by the bidding was North's sound idea as being a choice between the unbid spades and the unbid diamonds. With nothing particular favouring one suit as against the other, the major would have been a more intelligent selection, for a simple reason. With a good major suit, the strong side might have bid it along the way, but with a strong minor, it probably would not. If North, following that reckoning, had led a spade, a trick would have been set up quickly in the suit. And when South got in with his heart A, he could have beaten the contract promptly.

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

After North answers "South's 1-Diamond with 1-Spade and 1-Club, what would be your bidding plan in the South's

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1 Warfare. 20 Ventures. 21 Outcome. 22 Tumblers. 23 Foolish. 24 Ende. 25 Sharp reply. 26 Negro's master. 27 Worked for. 28 Open. 29 Mock. 30 Country. 31 Dodged. 32 Nured.

Clues Down

1 Envelop. 14 Kipli back. 2 Slight. 15 Blow up. 3 Slaps. 16 Coward. 4 Canteen. 17 Exclaim. 5 Null. 18 Ship. 6 Fastened. 21 Lament. 7 Employing. 24 Clut.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1. Groom. 2. Backs. 3. Veal. 4. Litter. 5. Inner. 6. Series. 7. Blas. 8. Exposed. 9. Heads. 10. Litter. 11. Inner. 12. Series. 13. Blas. 14. Exposed. 15. Heads.

FIRST THING EVERY MORNING ENO'S

UPRISING ENGINEERED BY ALIEN THUGS

Singapore, October 6.
A few hours after Sir Henry Gurney had been installed as High Commissioner to the Federation of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur today, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Commissioner General for South East Asia, stated that the Communist insurgents had recently "suffered a grave defeat."

In a broadcast over Malaya Radio, Mr. MacDonald said that since June, 187 terrorists had been killed and 156 captured. Of this total, 332 were Chinese and only six Malays.

"Most of these Chinese," he said, "were not born in Malaya but were immigrants with no loyalty to the country."

Mr. MacDonald said the uprising was "engineered by alien thugs and international Communists who are the agents of foreign interests and powers."

The peace of Malaya was being disturbed by 3,000 and 5,000 terrorists, he added. The terrorists seemed powerless to mount a major offensive and in four months had been unable to establish a unified command.

Gangster bands were operating without central direction or plan, he said, but the process of cleaning them up would be slow.

One criticism of the authorities had been that they had not disarmed all guerrilla organisations after Malaya had been liberated. This time, he promised, no one would be allowed to hide weapons for future use.

Prime Ministers Attend

The Prime Ministers of the Malayan States finally attended the installation ceremony in order of precedence, after they had protested last night against the proposed order of arrival and the arrangements had been amended.

The Sultan of Johore adhered to his original decision not to be represented.

The new Commissioner told the gathering that, as a newcomer to Malaya, he would do his utmost to know and understand them.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father R. W. Gallagher, S.J. (Studio).

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"Ambrose and Anne," Ambrose and His Orchestra and Anne Shelton (HICTS).

1.00 p.m.—The Ink Spots and Carmen Cavallaro and His Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.20 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—"Music For You."

2.00 p.m.—Classical Concert.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—"Travellers Joy," A Comedy Thriller by John Jowett (HICTS).

6.02 p.m.—"The Girl From Paris," A Comedy Thriller by John Jowett (HICTS).

6.30 p.m.—"Platter Time," Presented by Philip Barn (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—Saxophone Recital by Emilio Salgari with Piano accompaniment by Vicente Gelabert (Studio).

7.15 p.m.—A Talk on Sports (Studio).

7.30 p.m.—"Band Stand," Black Byke Mills Band (HICTS).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—"Impressions of America," A Talk by E.M. Forster (HICTS).

8.35 p.m.—Alfredo Artanini and His Orchestra.

8.50 p.m.—Music for Two Pianos.

9.05 p.m.—Choral and Orchestral Concert (HICTS) ... HIC Symphony Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"The Art of Living" by St. John Ervine (HICTS).

10.30 p.m.—Composers Cavalcade: Fritz Kreisler, Anton and His Orchestra, with Doreen Lavender and Stephen Martin (Vocal) (ORBS).

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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Recognition Of Spain By UN

Washington, October 6.
Mr. Robert Lovett, the acting United States Secretary of State, forecast today that the question of United Nations recognition of Spain would probably come up for discussion again at the current General Assembly meeting in Paris.

Until that happened, the United States remained bound by the 1946 General Assembly resolution calling for non-recognition of Spain, and would leave the question of her inclusion in the Marshall Plan or Western Union for the European countries themselves to decide.

(Reuters Diplomatic correspondent wrote today: It is suggested in London that if one of the Latin-American states does not raise the subject during the present General Assembly, the United States will do so after next month's presidential elections.)

A British Foreign Office spokesman today denied a report that the United States Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, had sought British and French co-operation in seeking to have the 1946 resolution rescinded. —Reuters.

ENTIRE FLEET STRIKEBOUND

San Francisco, October 6.
The entire American presidential fleet will be strikebound with the arrival today of the luxury liner, President Cleveland. Her sister ship, General Gordon, was strikebound on Tuesday on its arrival from the Orient with a record 1,820 passengers.

When the ship docked, CIO Longshoremen refused first to unload mail and baggage because the employers would not share the wages of the ship's clerks and dispatchers. The dispute was settled later in the day when the employers agreed to furnish a portion of the dispatchers pay.

Meanwhile, Russell Kennedy, manager of the California Cotton Co-operative Association, estimated that the 25-day old Maritime strike would cost buyers of California cotton \$5,000,000 if cotton must be shipped through Gulf of Mexico. The state produces 950,000 bales a year. —United Press.

MONTGOMERY URGES "BUILD UP FORCES"

London, October 6.
Police were out in force, with mounted men and plain clothes detectives, ready for any Communist-organised disturbances when Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the newly appointed Chairman of the Western Union Commanders-in-Chief Committee, spoke here today in Britain's recruiting campaign to build up the reserve forces.

For the last two days, recruiting speeches have been interrupted by demonstrators flinging handbills to the crowds and shouting peace slogans.

The only incidents today occurred after Field Marshal Montgomery, wearing his familiar black beret, had finished his address to a large and enthusiastic crowd in front of the Mansion House.

A handful of leaflets was thrown in the air, and scuffle broke out around a Territorial Army recruiting van. Later one man was led away by the police.

Lord Montgomery warned his hearers not to underplay the danger of war. "Of course, we do not want to overstate the danger and get in a panic," he added.

"It is doubtful if we have yet reached the stage where mankind can, by reasoning alone, put an end to war; that time is not yet. Therefore, the danger exists. Therefore, let us be strong."

Security

He told the serious and sympathetic crowd that the security

of Britain rested on the creation of a strong Territorial Army. "In the hands of strength lie the keys of peace and of war," he warned.

The Territorial Army, he said, is the "framework around which would be built a rapid expansion of the nation's land forces in the event of war."

In Britain's case, he added, the basis for expansion is especially vital because she cannot afford to maintain large regular forces in peacetime.

He declared that a scaling down of Britain's peacetime armed forces could come only after a firm foundation of a Territorial Army has been built up.

He declared: "First we must be certain we can handle a sudden major emergency."

Unlike Mr. Alexander and Mr. Eden earlier in the week, Lord Montgomery was not interrupted. As he was speaking, a nearby magistrate's court bound over three students, all ex-servicemen, on charges of using insulting behaviour at a recruiting meeting addressed yesterday by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Deputy Conservative leader. —Reuters.

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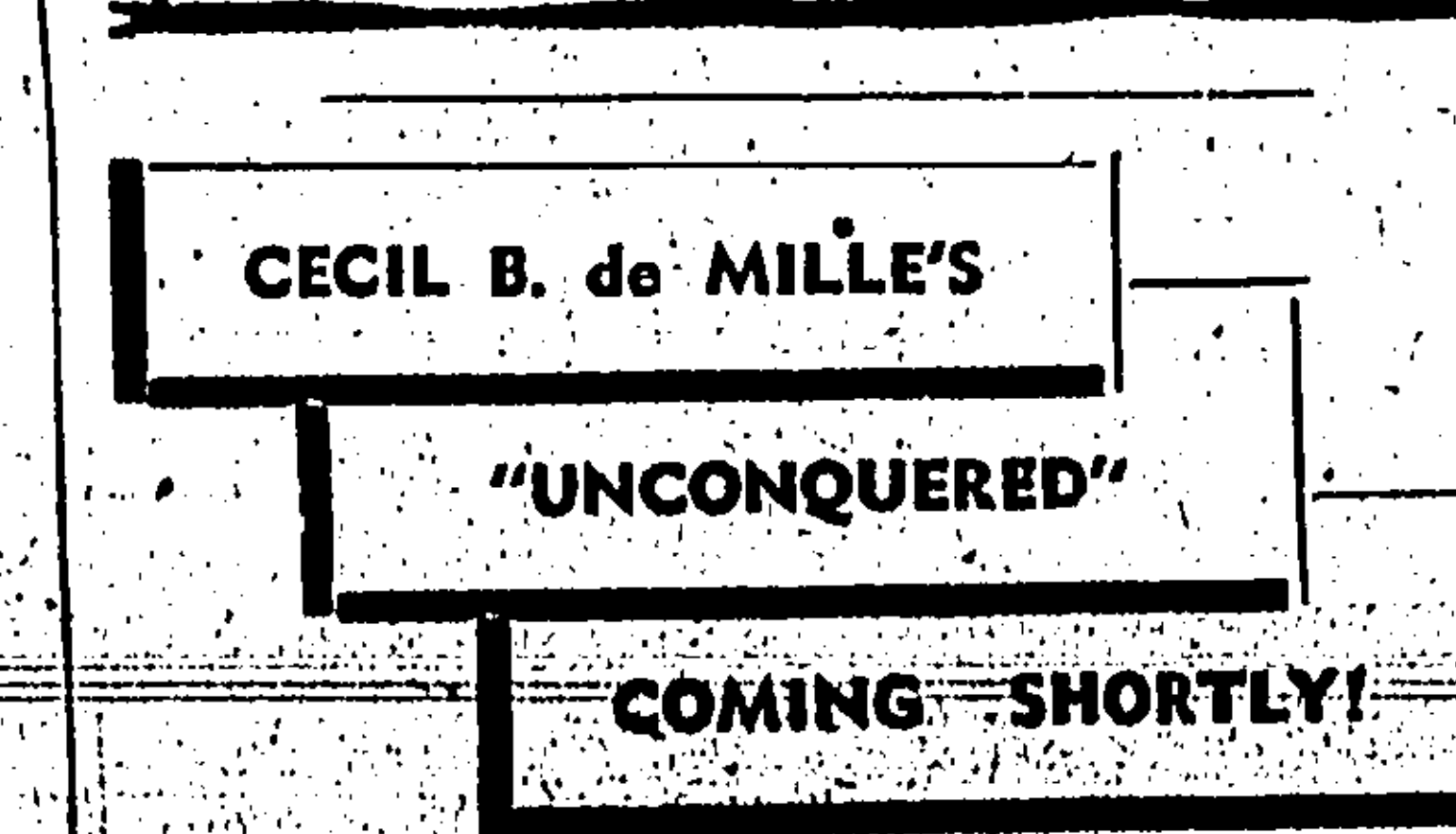
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MARRIAGE

D'ALMEIDA-BOTELHO — DA LUZ.—The marriage between Mr. Antonio D'Almeida Botelho, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Botelho, and Miss Marie Therese da Luz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. da Luz, will take place at Rosary Church, Kowloon, on Saturday October 10, at 10 a.m. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to the ceremony and after that, to the reception which will be held at No. 18 Chatham Road, Kowloon.

THE SMUGGLING AGREEMENT

It is all too seldom that observers of the current scene find themselves involved to offer congratulations to the Government on a step marked by courage and far-sightedness. The introduction of the Smuggling Into China (Control) Ordinance does, however, merit praise, and it only remains for the Colony to receive signs of appreciation from over the border of the spirit of co-operation activating the gesture to encourage expectations of better understanding all round. Long and patient negotiations were required before this particular piece of legislation could be introduced, most of the patience being required at the Hong Kong end, in view of Nanjing's attempt to hold the local authorities to a demarcation line in the Deep Bay area to which they had never agreed and never could have agreed since it would have prohibited free access between, say, Cheung Chau and Un Long. The arrival in the Colony of Mr. Chang Yu-fun, the Director-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, happily terminated in a most amicable agreement on the point in dispute, and the Hong Kong Government has reciprocated by introducing the necessary legislation for implementation of the full Customs Agreement at the first opportunity, subject only to final ratifications in Nanjing.

Designed to reduce to a minimum smuggling from this area into China, the Ordinance authorises the CMC to board and examine the papers of vessels which may be within the waters of the Colony, but are outside the "prohibited zones." It is further to be an offence to export or attempt to export goods to China except to previously designated points, and to provide a further check it is required that all vessels of less than 200 tons will take on cargo only at two specified points. Acceptance of these commitments not only imposes unprecedented restrictions on the local Chinese exporter, but also requires the taxpayer of Hong Kong to shoulder an additional burden—estimated by the Colonial Secretary at \$250,000 annually. As Mr. MacDougall emphasised, such legislation represents the climax to a "formidable list of restrictions which a free trading community has inflicted on itself as a voluntary act to assist a neighbour" and it may be hoped that sufficient publicity will be given to these developments to silence the ill-informed criticisms of Hong Kong's "baneful" influence upon the economy of China.

The Ordinance, as introduced, is in fact a remarkable surrendering of sovereignty—rights at a time when these "are being ever more jealously hoarded in other parts of the world." The measures proposed will cost the taxpayer more than

Since his command authority over the Chinese had evaporated, Stilwell now sought to save the U.S. Army personnel that had been confided to his care. He hoped that he could send them north over the metre-gauge railway from Mandalay to Myittha, which was still in the hands of the Chinese. But the single-track rail line was in chaos; the rail route was beset with troops of various armies, and commanders of differing degrees of authority were all seizing rolling stock and using it according to the logic of individual necessity. Stilwell's plans were suddenly cut short when a head-on collision occurred on the railway north of the town of Wundwin. The tracks became useless. Since there was no highway through the jungle in Myittha, American headquarters had to be moved to a place where the information was a single word: HELL.

It was now a matter of waiting for the Chinese to move out of Burma, or of waiting to be seized by the Japanese. Stilwell chose to wait. The long tank out of Burma was an agony that Stilwell shared with all those other hundreds of thousands who were fleeing the Japanese. The Stilwell party was numbered among the few that survived. Their route was a matter of simple geography—simply walk through the jungle, down the river, climb over the tropical mountains that formed the almost uncharted border of Burma and India. Chinese troops, some heroically led and nobly organized, others shuffling forward in barbarian undisciplined, followed along behind in the same trail. Civilian refugees suffered their way forward, dying by the road.

There was in Stilwell's eyes of the march, perhaps, than in any other American officer, of so high a rank. But the march and the survival of his party depended precisely on their strict obedience and cohesion. There was discipline, jungle, enemy, sickness, danger, hunger, and most of all, the need to move on to meet or avoid. Stilwell bound the party together with the things of his spirit. His was a political crew—26 Americans, 12 British, 16 Chinese, a herd of Burmese, military hospital, several civilians, some Indian cooks and mechanics. He led the daily trek, counting cadence. He checked baggage, issued orders. He inspected food and rationed the individual portions. He cursed, smiled, tongue-lashed his people—and brought every man through alive.

The march took him over the dirt roads and jungle trails from Wundwin to the Uyu River. There the party fashioned rafts and poled downstream for two days to the Chindwin. They crossed the Chindwin and then for eight days climbed up and down the

There hasn't been a moustache in the White House since William Howard Taft left there 35 years ago. But if the men who run the polls of public opinion are right, there will be a moustache at the house on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, very soon. And Thomas Edmund Dewey will be wearing it.

The ex-farmer, would-be professional singer, successful lawyer and racket-buster Tom Dewey is the only one of the five candidates running for presidency of the United States this year who sports a little hair on his face.

Every poll of public opinion says he will win.

Five Choices

From Europe, November's election in America may well seem to be a struggle between the two political giants.

HK\$250,000 annually, and will impose considerable extra work on already harassed officials. Yet it will not, as the Colonial Secretary pointed out, stop smuggling. No governmental action has ever been able to do that, here or in other parts of the world. But it will "limit the movement of commodities from Hong Kong to China to those channels of which Hong Kong has control at this end and the Chinese Customs at the other end. The effect must be to reduce smuggling to a minimum and to make it a yet more precarious operation, yet more unprofitable."

These are hard facts, and critics—if they are honest—must now admit it. Already, Hong Kong ruthlessly enforces laws against unmanifested cargo, and confiscates goods not entered on ships' manifests; the Chinese Maritime Customs maintain examination officers at Kowloon Railway Station and are supplied with a daily list of planes leaving for China; control is imposed on dealings in gold yuan, and persons are prohibited from carrying more than GY20 into or out of Hong Kong.

THE ELEVENTH INSTALMENT

The Stilwell Papers



vacorback forested mountains of the Indian border. They arrived finally at Imphal, where the British hurried them on to an airfield and contact with the world.

MAY 1—Loring is now closed. No radio communications last night.

Neither plane from Chungking nor Calcutta had appeared before 8:00 a.m. So I'm stuck on the western front. Sixth Army headquarters at Zigon. So we'll go too. Lo showed off by train. He never intended to go on the plane at all. At 10:00, 27 bombers went up and worked on Kinu. At 11:00 [American] plane in from Yunnan! Sent bulk of headquarters crowd out to Calcutta. Plane to be back tonight. Sent for three planes to come in tonight. We can get some British women out anyway. (The crowd that showed off were plenty pleased. We are now down to twelve officers, plus hangers on.)

Lo's train collided last night with another. Unfortunately, he was not killed.

Went to British headquarters about the planes for British families. Dumb Limeys sitting around. Got a captain finally. Not interested, don't you know. "Our people are all out. I believe." Then the goddam car stalled and we went back to get it fixed, then three hours to Zigon. Got the Burmese division and all codes.

MAY 2—Tū in at 6:00. Had breakfast with us. Shoved off. Battled along the ox trails till 10:00. Hot 3:40 off again. Bitch of a "road." Got to Pintha at 7:00. Supper at 11:00 p.m. Lo's train in. Talked to him. He was severely ashamed of himself.

MAY 3—Off at 6:30. Silbert and I (and Paul) Jones by railroad auto. Nice ride in Karolin. Road blocked by two cars. Limey was just looking at them. Jones rooted. Elephants trumpeting in the woods. Wonderful big trees. Fine big bungalow. Guide lost us twice.

MAY 4—Nap. Breakfast at 1:00 a.m. Off at 1:45. Good road into Nankun. On to Meza. One bad bridge. Replied it and got over in 40 minutes. Bridge at Meza was a fright. Chinese trucks barging in over a plank makeshift. Mileage yesterday was 42. Elephants trumpeting in the woods. Wonderful big trees. Fine big bungalow. Guide lost us twice.

MAY 5—Indaw 18 miles. We got a couple of cars over. Dorn, Jones and I went to Indaw about a train. A joke of course. Road jammed, both north and south. Everybody piling up. 22nd coming over the river. It is now apparent that we can no

longer be of much use. To be doing just as [he] pleases. Lo has no control over him. Lin Hsiang is doing nothing. Why keep Americans in hot water?

Went at 8:00 to see Lo. Hodge dark—everybody gone. Went to train and talked supply. Lin Hsiang had no plan. I told him we had several. Should we work or not? Oh, of course. We are just bothering them now. "Fifth Army will bring their own food," etc., etc. Lo wants a plane at Myittha. Lo was leaving with-out notice. No news. Three garbled wires from Chiang Kai-shek. Decided to send our crowd out.

MAY 4—Radio from Marshall. Indefinite. London radio. "General Alexander, a bold and resourceful commander, has fought one of the great defensive battles of the war." And a lot of other crap about what the Limeys have been doing. Martin in. Disintegration at Shwebo. Chinese out of control. Fifth column busy. Decided to "take train if possible [to Myittha]. If not, go west to Tamu.

Limes reported railroad jammed. Hol-

Reconnaitred Katha Road for an hour. Looked good. We'll go that way. Off at 3:30. Fair road to Linyon, where I had a hunch and inquired. We were 6 miles past the turn-off. Colonel Holcombe being the guide. Pooped around wrong turn and got stuck and got out. Finally got back dug up a forestry guide, and had 12 miles of good road to the forest bungalow. Arrived at 10:30.

MAY 5—Nap. Breakfast at 1:00 a.m. Off at 1:45. Good road into Nankun. On to Meza. One bad bridge. Replied it and got over in 40 minutes. Bridge at Meza was a fright. Chinese trucks barging in over a plank makeshift. Mileage yesterday was 42. Elephants trumpeting in the woods. Wonderful big trees. Fine big bungalow. Guide lost us twice.

MAY 6—Start ordered for 5:00. Easy pace down the river. Till 11:00. Holcombe out. Merrill out. Heat exhaustion. Lee out. Silney pooped. Nowakowski same. Christ, but we are a poor lot. Hard going in the river all the way. Cooler. All packs reduced to 20 lbs. Dried. MAY 6—Start ordered for 5:00. Off at 5:45. Delay in kitchen. Made Dorn mess officer. No guard on food. No check. Did four marches to Sangkyu. Arrived 10:15. Limeys feet all shot. Our people tired. Damn, poor show of physique. Chattering monkeys in the jungle. Bombers over, reminder that we're not yet out. Hot camp. Insects. Long delay with coolies. March down river to next village and camp. Pleasant grassy camp. Soaked in the river. Had tea and a good sleep. Merrill and Holcombe better. Nowakowski still shot.

MAY 9—Went to start at 5:00. Got off at 6:30, all over fussing around with the bearers' loads. Dry hike today. Gradually getting some discipline. Silbert pooped out. Rogue elephant flushed the column. We ganged up on him, but he didn't bother us. Smarty Colonel Davidson-Huston couldn't see what we were up to. The elephant had a ball when it didn't? Left camp at 4:30 on time for once. Arrived Maling Kaing at 5:45. Some rafts ready. No boats. Had a swim. We can start tomorrow.

MAY 10—Overcast. Mules by land with Chinese. They left at 8:30. Sun came out. Morses put the rafts on the river. Long scramble getting rafts ready. Mat sheds by Seagrave's group. Always willing. We have a couple of gentlemen who can't be bothered with work. Four-piece rafts, and an advance guard of

one piece. Ten poles. First raft off at 10:30. Paul Jones says, "Can this be an appointment in Samarra?" Christ. Nice ride, but too damn slow. Swim, nap. At dark, supper, then at 10:00 off again. All night poling and pushing.

MAY 11—Showers. That is ominous. Stop for breakfast ten miles from Maling Kaing. Limey officer told me the deputy commissioner at Homalin, strongly recommended against the direct route. Rafts all split, of course. Seagrave's [party] and the Limey's having. Had a hell of a job collecting the gear and getting on our way. Off at 10:00. Made good time to the 6-mile village.

Rumor that preparations for us have been made in Homalin. Had tea at 4:30. Made a mile or so, and wind stopped us. So we stopped for a big chow. Tea, chicken and rice, green tomatoes, and jungle spinach.

Off again at 10:00, and struggled through the night. Many snags and the rafts are breaking up. I dead beat all night.

MAY 12—Rain at daylight. Mountains now in plain view. 8:00 a.m. about 4 miles from Homalin. In at noon, maybe.

Got there at 2:00. It was 6 miles at least. Contact with mules, kitchen raft, and advance guard. No one in Homalin. Commissioner, upriver with a bunch. I bet he's beaten it. Telephone office shut. Suspicious. Mules went on and crossed the Chindwin. Sent Jones to direct them upriver. Usual fuss getting started. Off about 7:30 p.m.

Had an arms inspection. Limey's stounded. Their gear were in terrible shape. Hiked to village about 3 miles above Homalin. Camped in temple. Slept on concrete floor.

MAY 13—Off at 6:30. Two miles to ferry. Over the Chindwin by dugouts and freight boat. Lalborne not yet up with mules. He's thinking, I suppose. Waited till 1:00 p.m. then Jones came in. Mules coming up west bank. Off at 2:30 p.m. Met mules at top of hill. Took it easy over good trail, but the asses who pooped out. They can't take it. Huston tried to lead his horse through the mess line. "What will I do with him?" And he's a guerrilla leader. Well, by 5:00 p.m. everybody was tired and snappy. So I stopped at 6:00 and camped. Good lot of water, and a swim. Thunderstorm, but we were just off the edge of it.

MAY 14—Off at 7:15. Sikh fired off his rifle by "accident." Three slow marches through cool shady jungle at 10:30. Big bright green sucker about 8 inches long.

Noon halt at 12:15 p.m. Off at 3:30, long climb up to Kawium. Heavy rain, caught us just as we arrived. Soaked. Well, we were met at Kawium by the British from Imphal. Food, doctor, ponies, and everything. Quite a relief.

Had chow with the British. Canned sausage, while our people had pig. Jones, Silbert, and I struggled up the mountain and back to be polite. Rained like hell. All of us in a nipa shack.

MAY 15—Time changed back an hour. Slow start. Off at 7:45, made 7 miles up and down by 12:00. Off at 2:30 for the climb to 6:00. Not bad. Right over the top of the peak. Beautiful view over Manipur Hills. In at 5:30, 14 miles. The cream puffs are doing better. Private shack for the night.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

FIVE MEN AND A WHITE HOUSE

By Conrad Frost

At close quarters, however, it is possible to recognize no fewer than five would-be Presidents. Count them, and look them over.

First, there is Dewey, the man who fought his way to success in the Big City without giving up the simple ways of small town life.

The closely-knit worlds of law and politics might never have known him had not his voice teacher in Chicago had a pretty young secretary, Frances Elleen Hut.

Elleen went to New York to study, so young Dewey followed her and put his nose down to the legal grindstone—because, well, a man can't propose to the only girl in the world, unless he has a steady job. They had their first two-room flat in New York, and wherever they have lived since, Elleen Dewey has made it "home."

Will Fight

Next, there is President Truman, who is suddenly showing signs that he has no intention of being evicted from the White House without a fight.

His Democratic Party cling to the hope that they will come out of the November elections with measures taken to prevent it. Obviously some of the unscrupulous individuals to be found in every community have made profits here from black market shipments, but the general welfare of Hong Kong is tied to that of China, and the greater the degree of genuine trade which exists, the greater will be the satisfaction here.

From our many voluntary restrictions in China's behalf, this port gains nothing material. There is no quid pro quo. What it does gain is "the satisfaction of standing by a neighbour" in time of trouble, and "the knowledge that by our present actions we are contributing to the possibility of re-establishing in the Far East the conditions of peaceful and ordered trade without which our Colony has no real or useful future at all."

Stormy Petrel

Henry Wallace, with a "Peace and Abundance" platform, depleted by most columns as having a "Soviet view of American Life," has been getting his word in early.

His campaign has started, but so far the hecklers have given him no peace. From the start it becomes clear that Wallace is the stormy petrel of this election.

What does Wallace hope to achieve? He hopes Dewey will win, but there is nothing charitable about the wish.

Wallace wants to see the Democratic machine struck and broken up so that he may build it up for his own use in 1952. Wallace is fighting to get into the White House not this time, but next.

Protest Vote

Mr. Norman Thomas, candidate No. Four, is something of a joke in the grim and serious business of American politics.

He has been striving to be President every time the job has been going since 1928.

Finally there is J. Strom Thurmond. If you want to know about Strom Thurmond you can go two places your information. The boys of the 82nd Airborne Division knew him as their Lieut-Colonel and will tell you that "Man, he's a fighter." To the citizens of South Carolina he is Governor Thurmond.

Lack Of Dignity

So it all comes back to Dewey, and this is almost "where we came in." Even his rivals, except Truman, want the Dewey moustache in the White House.

But this is America where, to the British eye, there is a strange lack of dignity about even such serious matters as the election of a President; and at the moment it might even seem that the Dewey moustache and not the man is the major election issue.

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ALL CEYLON'S RUBBER OUTPUT TO RUSSIA?

Colombo, October 6. It was reported without confirmation today that Russia has offered to buy directly Ceylon's entire future rubber output at prices higher than present rates. At present, the Soviets buy Ceylon rubber through Britain or the United States. If Ceylon accepts the Russian offer it will eliminate the middleman countries.

Ceylon's rubber exports last year were more than 20,000 tons. C. Santharalingam, Ceylon Trade Minister, was asked if the Russians actually had put forward such an offer. "I cannot answer the question," he replied.

State Insurance To Be Tried In New Delhi

New Delhi, October 6. Governor General Banerjee today inaugurated the first State Insurance Scheme experimentally started in Asia. It is expected to benefit two and a half million factory employees and covers all employees both manual and clerical drawing up to 400 rupees in monthly wages.

The first experiment will be tried in Delhi and adjoining Amer Merwar. The scheme at present is not extended to families of insured workers but insured persons are entitled to full medical care during sickness or incapacity due to accident as well as cash sickness benefit for a maximum period of eight weeks during the worker's unemployment.

Women workers are entitled to maternity benefit of twelve weeks during confinement at a rate of 12 Annas daily. — Associated Press.

ROME WORKERS RESUME DUTY

Rome, October 6. Rome's 14,000 municipal workers whose 10-day old strike had threatened the city's milk and meat supplies resumed duty today. This followed an agreement under which the Municipality granted an advance of 12,000 lire against the month's extra pay which the workers normally received at Christmas.

A condition of the settlement was that negotiations for salary increases should continue. — Reuter.

Firing Practice In Berlin Air Corridor

Berlin, October 6. The Russians resumed their "nerve war" against the Western allies today, announcing that they would hold a low level ground to air firing practice 20 miles North and West of Berlin.

The area indicated would be close to the international air corridors used by the Anglo-American airlift planes.

They advised the Quadripartite Berlin Air Safety Centre that firing would be from the ground up to 800 metres—2,500 feet. American officials believed this excluded the firing of anti-aircraft flak. It was believed that they planned to fire machine guns.

"This appears to be another of their heckling attacks," commented an American Air Force official. "They never stop trying their war of nerves."

The British and French air authorities made an immediate protest to the Russian section of

THREE QUESTIONS TO SOVIET FROM McNEIL

Paris, October 6.

Accusing Russia of causing fear to spread over the world, Mr. Hector McNeil, chief British delegate to the United Nations, today put three blunt questions to the Soviet delegation, designed to elucidate whether the Soviet Union was prepared to accept effective international control.

Mr. McNeil's unanswered questions were:

(1) "Does the Soviet Government agree that an adequate and fully effective system of control must be in operation before the second convention, on the prohibition of atomic weapons, is put into effect?"

(2) "Is the Soviet Government prepared to accept the majority report of the Atomic Energy Commission as providing a general basis for the convention establishing the control?" (The majority report recommended a form of control which would vest in an international body ownership of the main elements in the process of producing atomic energy).

(3) "Is the Soviet Government prepared to agree that the activities and operations of the international agency shall not be subject to the veto?"

Mr. McNeil added that if the Soviet Government could satisfactorily answer the first two questions, "I am fairly certain that we could work out an answer to the third."

"There are great and dangerous depths dividing us that cannot be bridged with some verbal formula," he said.

"If there is substance in the new Soviet proposal, I lead on oath that my Government wants to grasp it."

"My instructions are not to miss the slightest opportunity to secure effective and adequate control in agreement with my Soviet colleagues."

Atomic Control

Mr. McNeil said that his questions exposed the kernel and crisis of the debate on atomic control, which had been going on for 30 months.

Explaining why the British and American Governments would not agree to destroy all bombs and hand over the secret of their fabrication, before an international control came into effect, Mr. McNeil said: "It is because all of us are not so much afraid of Soviet Russia, but because we are afraid of what Soviet Russia may at any time attempt to do."

Mr. McNeil explained at length the scientific reasons why Britain believed it essential that the Soviet Government should accept the form of control proposed by the majority of the Atomic Energy Commission.

He insisted that the production of atomic energy must be controlled at all stages to prevent nuclear fuel being secretly drawn off for the purpose of making weapons.

"We have no sinister intent to interfere in anyone's economy," he declared.

On the question of the veto power, Mr. McNeil said that any control in which the veto intervened would be completely unworkable.

In an immediate reply to Mr. McNeil, Mr. Jakob Malik, the Soviet delegate, based himself on a previously prepared typewritten text.

Without any direct reference to the details of Mr. McNeil's questions, he declared: "The United Nations cannot evade the problem of prohibiting atomic weapons and of controlling the production of atomic energy."

Essential

He added: "The Soviet Government deems it essential that the Atomic Energy Commission should continue to work in the direction of elaborating proposals for the exclusion from national armaments of atomic weapons, as well as all other weapons of mass extermination, and for a system of control which would ensure that atomic energy issued only for peaceful purposes."

Mr. Malik said that he would not deal in detail with Mr. McNeil's speech, "because it was replete with slander and falsehood."

"The Soviet people threatens no one," he said. "The general war psychosis, and the propaganda unleashed by the press of many countries, is not based on the Soviet Union threatening anyone."

"All those territories which joined the Soviet Union since the war did so on their own choice, on a democratic basis."

"Together with the Soviet Union they are building a new socialist economy and are repelling the devastation of war."

The sufferings of Greece, he said, were caused by Anglo-American attempts to force foreign masters on the Greek people.

"Whose armed forces are in Greece?" he asked. "Not those of the Soviet Union."

He described as no less slanderous than the others Mr. McNeil's assertion that foreign diplomats were limited to a radius of 30 miles round Moscow. "I myself know of many foreign diplomats who have made journeys to many parts of the Soviet Union," he declared.

South Africa

Mr. Eric Louw (South Africa) told the Political Committee that South Africa had its own supplies of uranium obtained from their own mines, but while his Government supported the need for atomic energy control, it could not commit itself in advance to handing over ownership of the gold-bearing ore to an international agency.

South Africa could not blindly agree to control measures which had yet to be worked out in detail.

"Let me say at the outset that the Union Government supports the principle of atomic energy control, insofar as such control is intended to prevent atomic energy being used for purposes of warfare," Mr. Louw declared. "To that end, South Africa, as a producer of uranium, is prepared to co-operate with other nations, particularly those whose way of life and ultimate objectives agreed with those of the Union of South Africa."

Only Alternative

Sir Alexander Cadogan (Britain) told the Security Council this afternoon that the Western Powers' appeal to the Council was the only alternative to breaking the Berlin "blockade" by force.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, and

Mr. Vasili Tarasenko, the Ukrainian, who had announced yesterday that they would take no part in the discussions, both attended today's two meetings of the Council on the Berlin dispute.

Mr. Vyshinsky and Mr. Tarasenko were present in the afternoon when Sir Alexander Cadogan attacked the Russian attitude.

The Council adjourned on the understanding that a meeting would be called by the President after what the Chairman termed an intermediary waiting period.

Sir Alexander declared that the "illegal and forcible measures" imposed by the Soviet Government in Berlin left the Western Allies with three courses of action.

These were: (1) To "submit passively to the efforts of the Soviet Government to deprive them of all their authority and rights in Berlin, and thereby to consolidate the political system which it desires forcibly to impose upon Berlin and the Soviet Zone."

(2) To "continue discussion under duress."

He added: "It is inconceivable that the British Government for their part could consent to either of these courses."

(3) To "resort to force as the only possible way of defending and maintaining their legitimate rights."

"To do that, Sir Alexander said, "would be equivalent to adopting the very methods employed by the Soviet Government, of which we now complain."

Clear Threat

He added: "In all the circumstances, the only step which His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States and France can now take is to bring the matter to the attention of the Security Council as a clear threat to the peace."

Sir Alexander said that it was with great regret that the British Government learned that the Soviet delegation would take no part in the debate.

"How can we progress towards a solution of difficulties if one party refuses to join in discussion? They have no argument—or is it that their minds are already made up to refuse acceptance in anything that this Council may recommend?"

"For their part, my Government is content to place itself in the hands of the Council, and I am authorised here and now to declare that they are prepared to carry out in good faith any resolution which the Council in its wisdom may see fit to adopt."

After Sir Alexander Cadogan had finished, M. Alexandre Parodi, the permanent French delegate to the U.N., recapitulated the points at issue between the Western Powers and Soviet Russia.

He said that the Western Powers had done everything possible to reach a settlement by resorting to the Security Council.

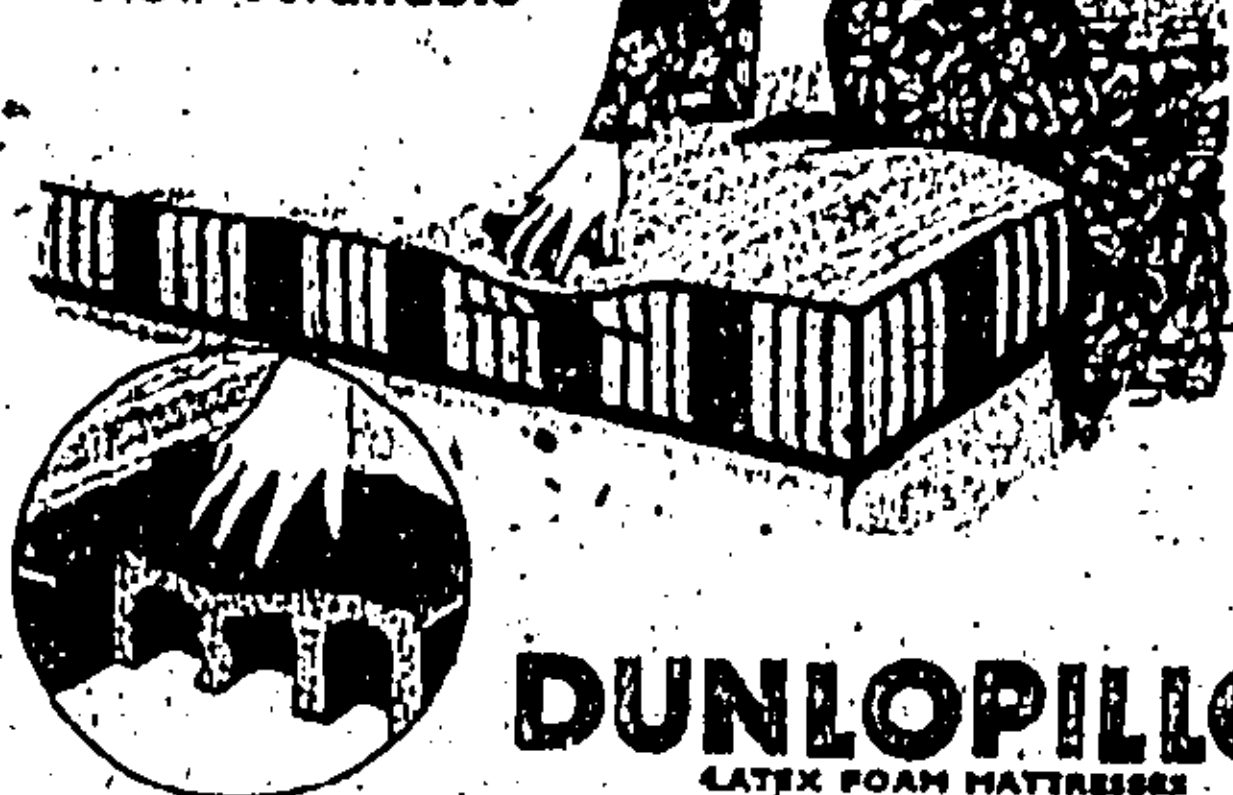
"The French Government," M. Parodi said, "earnestly hopes that the Security Council in taking the matter in hand and applying to the methods of settlement which it is empowered to employ will with the weight of its eminent authority, and acting in the name of the world public opinion, succeed where direct conversations have failed in bringing about the cessation of the intransigent blockade of Berlin." — Reuter.

TROOPS KILLED IN AMBUSH

Insurgents ambushed and killed 10 Gurkha troops and a civilian driver last night near Sungai Siput in Perak state. Eight other Gurkhas were wounded. Elsewhere British forces reported they killed four communists in scattered actions.

Sungai Siput is a centre of the communist-led insurrection. Casualties were the heaviest suffered by British forces since the revolt began in May. — Associated Press.

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War-Wearied World Is Ready To Follow The Way To Peace

Columbus, Ohio, October 6. A "world peace offensive" was called for here today before the World Missions Conference by Mátteo Osuna, purchasing agent of the Philippine Republic in the United States. Mr. Osuna said, "The world is so weary of war that it is ready to follow if it is shown the way to peace. And now, when the horrors of the last hostilities are still fresh in our memory, is the propitious time to start. More than anything else this is a religious problem."

He suggested that the ablest Christian workers form a planning committee which would be a sort of general staff to draw up grand strategy for peace. — United Press.

Argentine Makes Plea For Peace

London, October 6.

Argentine, pledging the cause of humanity as the synthesis of her international programme, today urged that "one and all make the most ample contribution towards economic and financial order for the maintenance of universal peace."

Ambassador Albert Vignes, Vice Chairman of the Argentine delegation, speaking in the United Nations Economic Committee, declared that despite the sombre outlook for world peace, Argentina remains unshakably firm in her desire to collaborate in all efforts to obtain and consolidate peace.

Mr. Vignes said: "In the up-set world, our country continues to fulfil her programme of economic development, taking advantage of all her possibilities."

"Argentina cannot abandon the defence of her industry. We felt it necessary to make these statements because the great industrial nations seem to have difficulty in understanding the necessity which countries with incipient economic development feel in adopting certain policies to increase, consolidate or fortify their economic power."

He concluded with a plea for a "dynamic approach to the international investment policy."

Venezuela's Pedro Zuloaga warned that confronted with the choice between rigid Communism and total capitalism, a majority of the countries would refuse to accept either. He stressed that in the long run, economic and social problems must be tackled simultaneously.

In the Budget Committee, Brazil, in the debate on the Czech proposal to oust Dr. Jan Papanek from membership to the UN Committee, argued that the only reason for removal would be incompetence, which was not demonstrated. Uruguay asked for a detailed legal opinion by the Legal Department. — United Press.

INDIA ADVOCATES POLITICAL REPORTS

Paris, October 6.

India today renewed her demand that the world's eight colonial powers should report to the United Nations on political and constitutional progress in the colonies.

Speaking in the Colonial and Trusteeship Committee of the General Assembly, Mr. B. Shiva Rao, one of India's delegates, appealed to the colonial powers to add political information voluntarily to the reports that they are bound by the Charter to submit on the economic, social and educational conditions in their colonies.

Mr. Shiva Rao appealed to the colonial powers to establish a custom of submitting political information voluntarily. He also urged that the General Assembly put on a permanent footing the temporary 16-nation Special Committee which examines the reports submitted by the colonial powers and recommends means of improving them.

(Britain, France and Belgium have hitherto opposed making this Committee permanent but have conceded that it should meet again in 1949.)

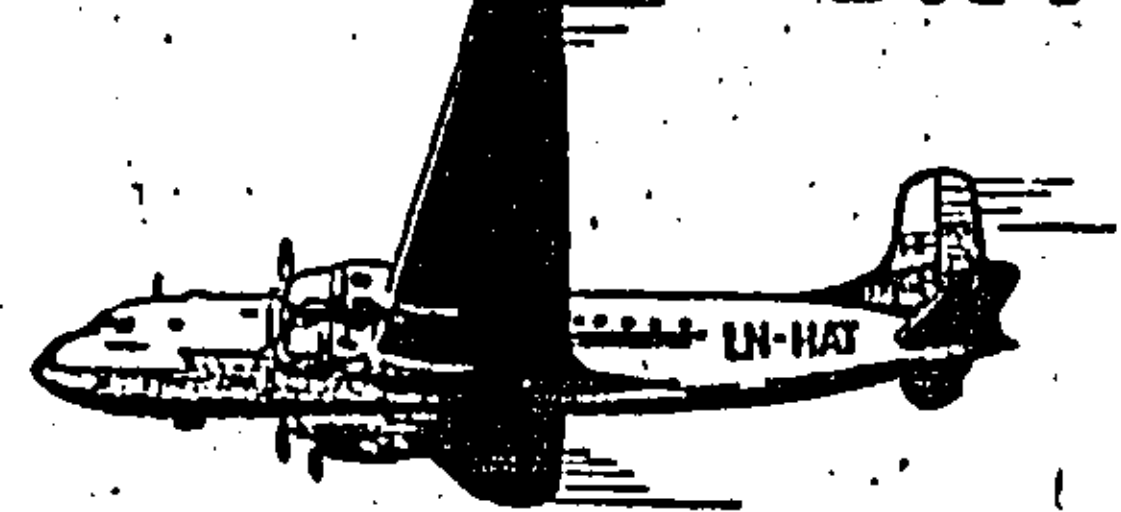
He repudiated as utterly without foundation the suggestion that this Committee might seek to impose its authority on the administering powers. — Reuter.

"It is particularly necessary to know the extent to which the indigenous population is responsible for shaping and directing the policies in respect of these activities."

Mr. Shiva Rao added that he recognized that no compulsion in this matter. "But the point is beyond argument that one cannot not fully appreciate the progress made in the social, economic or educational spheres of any region without a knowledge of the political background," he said.

"It is particularly necessary to know the extent to which the indigenous population is responsible for shaping and directing the policies in respect of these activities."

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The Adventures Of ROBIN HOOD

THE STORY THUS FAR: King Richard, leaving for the Crusades in 1191, put England under a Regency, entrusting his Realm to his brother, Prince John. At a jousting match before the latter, Sir Robin of Locksley, a swashbuckling young Baron, won the Norman Sir Guy of Gisborne, thereby winning the dislike of Lady Marian Fitzwiler. Sir Guy's sweet-heart, King Richard is captured abroad and held for ransom and Prince John plots to seize the crown. He overrules and otherwise torments the Saxons. Robin does many valiant deeds to protect them and finally rescues Prince John as a traitor. Prince John puts a price on Robin's head as an outlaw. Robin bands together the victims of John's cruelty, swears them to work for the restoration of Richard and goes with them to dwell in Sherwood Forest. When Sir Guy and his relatives go by boat to France, Robin takes it and further humbles them. To help Robin, Prince John, the High Sheriff of Nottingham and Sir Guy plan an archery contest. Robin wins the prize but it is at once put in a dungeon to be hanged the next day. Lady Marian works with his Merry Men to free him. While on the scaffold, he escapes. The knights who were to hang him, but fail to do so, are forgiven. Robin and his Merry Men come in disguise to meet Lady Marian. As they tell their love for each other he again eludes his pursuers and rides back to Sherwood Forest and the Merry Men.

CHAPTER XI

The scene changes to a barren and poverty-stricken inn on the Kent Road. The only cheer in the room is the big fire that roars in the fire-place casting dancing shadows across the candle-light. The place is deserted but for the small old proprietor who has just finished serving meagre food and drink to the five men who sit at a corner table in long and enveloping travelling cloaks. "You gentlemen have travelled far," asked the old man humbly. One of the five nodded. "I'm sorry," the proprietor went on. "I can't give you better food. There is little left to us these days."

"This will be enough," said the tallest of the company and the old landlord remarked the kindness of his deep voice. "The inn at Luton was well supplied," said one of the younger of the party brusquely. "How is that?"

"Ah," said the landlord with a faint smile, "but that is a Norman inn. They are all prosperous. If it weren't for our blessed Robin I would have had to close these doors long ago."

"Robin...?" asked the tall one quickly. "Robin Hood, the outlaw, sir?" "Oh, yes—yes! I've heard of him. I understand he's quite a champion of the Saxons."

"He helps all people in distress, sir. Norman or Saxon."

"Quicker sort of fellow, this Robin... How does one find him?"

"I've no idea, sir," said the old man, suddenly becoming suspicious. "Would you gentlemen like some more of our good brown ale?"

At this moment the door was thrust open and the Bishop of the Black Canons burst in in a towering rage, a half dozen friars at his skirts. "I'll complain to Prince John!" he shouted. "I'll have this rascal's ears, no matter how! He dares to rob me! Strip him of his jewels!"

What's this country coming to when even a High Churchman can't travel through the forests in safety!

"Do you wish to go on after dinner, Your Grace?" asked one of the monks.

"No! We can't reach the Abbey tonight! I'll stay here! Tend to the horses! Landlord, get us food!" Here the Bishop, without an audience, turned to the five at the side table. "It's no longer safe to journey anywhere! Robbers all over!"

"What happened, Your Grace?" inquired the tall one, courteously.

"I just told you!" snorted His Grace indignantly. "We were robbed! Not a chance to defend ourselves! He burst on us from ambush..."

"Why, Robin Hood, of course! There's no other rascal with enough to deserve the interest of Your Grace," said the tall one evasively. "Landlord... where's our ale?"

The Bishop, as soon as he could do it gracefully, excused himself pleading a forgotten engagement at the Abbey, and left. The five at the side table knew that his suspicions had been aroused.

"His Grace, so-called, is a Norman, Sir. Didn't you see the dread in the landlord's face when he and his friars entered?"

"The same look, Essex, that I've seen on the faces of those sands since we returned. I never should have left England."

CHAPTER XII

But this mysterious outlaw... He's given me an idea... The Bishop had no trouble in meeting him. He added with a grim smile, "So let's be on our way!"

The Bishop of the Black Canons lost no time in getting back to Nottingham Castle where Prince John, Sir Guy and the High Sheriff heard his story with dismay. "Are you sure it was Richard?" asked John in a hoarse whisper, his face ashen.

"No doubt of it, Your Highness... and one of those with him was Essex... and another, I think, was Pembroke!"

The Lady Marian appeared for a moment on the stairs and then shrank back in the shadows, listening eagerly. "How like dear brother this is..." muttered Prince John. "He couldn't rot in a dungeon like any decent man would! But no!... he must pop up here, to spoil our plan!"

"Spoil it, why should he, Your Highness?" said Sir Guy snivelously. "Richard hasn't an army with him. If he had we'd have heard of it! He's stopping at the Bishop's inn, then, if Richard happened to be..."

"...killed there tonight, England tomorrow would have a new king!"

"But that's murder!" whispered the Bishop. "I'll have nothing to do with..."

"You'll do..." retorted Sir Guy with quiet menace. "What you're told to do... and that's keep your mouth closed!" The Bishop appealed to John.

"How long will you retain your Abbey," replied Prince John coldly. "Richard survives to find out what you've been up to, these years he's been away! Who's to... er... dispose of Richard, Sir Guy?"

They beckoned Dickon, a knight whose spurs had been taken from him by Richard. Should he consent to do the deed his name would reappear on the roll of English knights... and the manor and estates of Robin of Locksley would support his dinner. "When do I start, Sir?"

"At once! How many? I'll do it better alone!" "Then, King Richard dies tonight!" whispered Prince John in mad elation. "Go back to the doxy, Your Grace, and make preparations to proclaim me king, here, in Nottingham, the day after tomorrow!"

Suddenly he stopped alarmed, gazing upward toward the stairway, where all slipped and vanished form of the Lady Marian. The Bishop was aghast. "You don't suppose that she...?" he began. "I don't know..." Sir Guy said grimly, "but after I've seen Your Grace away... I certainly shall find out!"

Back in the apartment, Marian hastily scribbled a note to Robin explaining why he must immediately find King Richard and warning him of the plot. She was about to send it by Bess to Much about the Saracen's Head—when some one rapped sharply. She thrust the note under a cloth on the table and as Bess swiftly disappeared, opened the door. Sir Guy sternly accused Marian of having heard the conference in the Great Hall and when she refused to satisfy him he had her halted to the presence of Prince John, the Sheriff and the other knights. She was finally infuriated to the point of acknowledging that she had overheard and Prince John threatened her with execution.

"I am a royal ward of King Richard," she cried, "and no one but the King himself has the right to condemn me to death!"

"And it shall be a King who will order your execution for high treason, exactly forty-eight hours from now!" The guards imprisoned her.

In the meantime Bess had brought the news to Much and the Sheriff's Head. Like a shot from a cannon the little man was off to find Robin and tell him of the plot to murder King Richard. Much was fuming, a forest stream when he came upon Dickon the man commissioned to do the deed. Savagely he dragged him from his saddle. They fought with knives until Dickon lay dead. Then the little man, sorely wounded, dragged himself on through Sherwood Forest till Will Scarlet, riding by, found him. "Why, Much," he cried, dismounting hastily, "what's happened to you?"

"Take me to Robin... quick... quick..." gasped Much. "It's a matter of... life or... death..."

Folk Lore Societies Irked By Heligoland Bombings

Kiel, October 6. The war-battered island of Heligoland will be the target for another Royal Air Force bombing exercise, starting tomorrow, the British Military Government announced today. About 350 delegates of the Lower Saxony Folk-Lore Societies yesterday appealed by telegram to King George VI to stop the RAF using Heligoland for bombing practices. They said the North Sea island was no longer of military value and should be returned to its inhabitants for resettlement and use as a holiday centre. Earlier, the British Government had declared, in reply to German protest against the bombing, that wartime damage to Heligoland was so great that a few more bombs could make little difference.

PRIME MINISTERS MAY BE NEARER ROYALTY

London, October 6.

Ambassadors to the Court of St. James's, traditional holders of a cherished spot in precedence next to the King, may soon make room for the Prime Minister, it was learned today.

Bringing this precedence question to a head is a request by the Commonwealth Nations that their representatives in London, now lowly High Commissioners, be given ambassadorial rank and privilege.

The chief privilege is standing nearest to the Royal Family on formal occasions. High Commissioners are placed next day after the British Peerage and hardly within seeing distance of the King.

Too often for the comfort of the sovereign nations within the Commonwealth, like Canada, has its Commissioner been lost behind the crowd of ambassadors and peers at formal occasions. The Commonwealth request, which will be pressed on October 11 when the Prime Ministers convene in London, is precipitating a tangle in protocol for the King's officials as a nightmarish scene of the Congress of Vienna smoothed things out more than hundred years ago.

An advance to ambassadorial rank for representatives of the Commonwealth Nations would put them ahead of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, whose present place on the social ladder is the fifth rung from the top. This, it was said, would be an impossible situation, as Britain regards the Commonwealth Nations as member of the "Family."

The present rule for precedence among ambassadors set forth at the Congress of Vienna in 1815 when ambassadors were few is based on seniority. The individual ambassador, who has been longest at his post ranks first and the latest ambassador to present his credentials automatically ranks last in the line of ambassadors, regardless of the size and power of his country.

In London today, the Brazilian ambassador has first place.—Reuter.

Promote Prime Minister

A solution under consideration is to promote the Prime Minister and possibly the Chancellor of the Exchequer to a place next to the King.

The Prime Minister now follows the ambassadors, who are on the first rung; the Archbishop of Canterbury, followed by the Archbishop of York and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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AMERICANS IN FORCE IN BRITAIN AGAIN

London, October 5.

The Americans are back—some 4,000 of them—in the familiar olive drab uniform with the Air Force insignia on the left shoulder.

About half of them are attached to B-29 groups stationed at Scampton and Waddington, near the old Cathedral City of Lincoln and at Marham and War Heath, old wartime Royal Air Force bases. They are here on temporary duty for training.

By far the largest single unit, however, is the 58th Air Depot of some 2,000 officers and men recruited in Texas and formerly stationed at New York.

They are stationed at Burtonwood, the sprawling American supply and maintenance depot of some 27 square miles which, at its peak just before D-Day, housed nearly 30,000 American soldiers.

Their assignment is a permanent one and their task officially is to service the American planes on the British airfield. The base, which has come to be known to inhabitants in the vicinity as "Little Detroit," is about 20 miles distant from Manchester and Liverpool and is on the outskirts of the dreary, soot begrimed typical Midlands manufacturing town of Warrington, with between 80,000 and 100,000 people.

Every evening, the "Joes" swarm from their monkish barracks in Nissen huts into Warrington and neighbouring villages in search of refreshment, entertainment and feminine companionship. Of the three, the third is the most important. To the British people, this peacetime "occupation" by a friendly but nevertheless foreign power is not an unmixt blessing. Each uniformed American is a living reminder that something has gone wrong with the peace which only scant three years ago, it was hoped, would be a lasting one.

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JEW AND ARABS MAY NEGOTIATE OWN PEACE

Paris, October 6.

Mr. Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of the Provisional Government of Israel, declared today that it was entirely possible that Jews and Arabs would negotiate a Palestine settlement outside the United Nations.

He told a press conference that Israel was ready to sit down at a peace conference with the Arabs at any time to discuss a general settlement of the problem.

Israel would not accept the loss of the Negev district of Palestine, he added, describing the late Count Folke Bernadotte's proposals on giving up this district as "insufficient to condemn the plan in our eyes."

Israel, he added, could not accept the Conciliation Commission with certain administrative powers proposed by Count Bernadotte and international control of the whole of Jerusalem.

Other points made by Mr. Shertok were: The Jews would prefer to have an independent Arab State, but it was quite plausible that the Arab part of Palestine would go to Transjordan.

No Substitute

Western Galilee: "We claimed this part of the country from the start. We hold it now. Experience has shown that it is essential to our defence. In our view it is no substitute for the Negev."

United Nations membership: Israel intends to apply for membership at this session of the Assembly.

Meanwhile, a supreme appeal to the United Nations delegations for a Palestine solution, based on wisdom, justice and peace, was issued in Paris tonight by all the Arab delegations.

The statement called for a single sovereign state without any partition as the only solution. Partition could only lead the Middle East into a painful, bloody and interminable conflict, the statement said.

Still-born States

The Arab delegations argued that the new proposals for revising the original partition plan made by the late Count Folke Bernadotte, as Mediator, proved that the two states originally envisaged would have been neither viable nor possible.

The partition plan would create two still-born states in Palestine. It must be abandoned in the light of reason and life," the statement continued.

The United Nations could not on the one hand talk about the right of self-determination and at the same time deliberately foster in Palestine a new Munich.

Czechs Kidnap Aircraft And Land At Munich

London, October 5.

The American forces radio network reported that United States army officials were tonight investigating statements made by 12 Czechoslovakians who yesterday kidnapped a Czechoslovak air liner. They forced the pilot at pistol point to change course and land at Munich. The report said the wife of Czech Deputy Premier, Vilem Siroky, and their 13 year old son, were kidnapped in the plane as well as the pilot.

The American forces network said all 15 occupants of the plane were being held pending investigations.

The seizure of the air liner was described as the culmination of a plot which began a month ago but which was twice frustrated.

The plane left Kozlov, eastern Czechoslovakia, yesterday morning on a routine flight to Prague with stops at Bratislava and Brno.

It was stated that after the take-off from Brno pilots were drawn and the chief pilot held up while the two co-pilots and a radio operator, alleged to be parties to the plot, took over control.

Three hours later the plane

landed at Munich where the 12 Czechs surrendered to the authorities.

The American forces network said the Czechs asked to be considered as political refugees, saying they had fled from a growing communist terror.

Most of the 12 passengers concerned said they would like to go on to the United States. Others stated they wished to join Czechoslovak expatriates in Paris.

The Czechoslovak Consulate in Munich was trying to obtain clearance for the return of the plane, the pilot and the Deputy Premier's wife and son.—Reuter.

Dynamite Caps Seized In Manila

Manila, October 6.

Sixty-five thousand pieces of dynamite blasting caps in 75 large cartons were seized by Customs and Secret Service agents yesterday aboard the ss. Washington Mail lying at anchor inside the Manila breakwater.

Two crewmen of the Washington Mail, Earl Taylor, ship's pantryman, and O. C. Frank, assistant cook, were held for questioning.

The authorities indicated that administrative charges might be filed against the two crewmen if it was proven they possessed the caps. An official said information had been received that shipments of such items as blasting caps were being passing on freighters from the United States.—United Press.



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The Preferred Beer

Wallace Blasts Truman Doctrine

San Francisco, October 6.

Mr. Henry Wallace attacked the Truman doctrine today as a "gigantic red herring to divert attention from a plan to revive a war economy in the United States."

The new blast at the bipartisan foreign policy specifically centred on the American policy toward China. He said the United States was following a morally bankrupt and indefensible programme in support of the corrupt and failing dictatorship of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The Progressive Party candidate for president returned to the foreign policy issue in an address before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco on his last stop of a five-day campaign swing through California.

He called Mr. George Marshall's postwar mission to China a last gasp in a liberal foreign policy, and said it was followed by a virtual coup d'etat which put officers into key government offices and greater military influence.

Mr. Wallace added: "Then came the Truman doctrine—a deliberate and carefully planned build up to re-establish the lusty profitable war economy at the expense of the nation's safety and peacetime needs of the people."

He said the Chiang regime in China was "recognised almost universally as a corrupt and failing dictatorship already repudiated by more than half of the Chinese people."

He added: "In the ideological war we are trying to use money and guns as weapons while allowing Russia to implant a powerful idea in the minds of millions of minds that she is on the side of so-called liberation movements. This seems to me more than bankrupt diplomacy. It seems very close to political idiocy."

Mr. Wallace insisted the American China policy was unwise whatever the coloration of the Chinese Communists. He said: "It is light pink and sanguine of the status quo will make it redder. If it is Red our action

can only drive China more surely into an alliance with Russia."

"Our position in China at present time is morally bankrupt and indefensible even from the standpoint of practical power politics."

He recommended that American aid to China go through the United Nations and only for the purpose of raising the living standards.

Turning to other areas of the Far East, Mr. Wallace said the United States policy toward Korea, Japan and South-east Asia reflected a bipartisan war fixation.

He said the bomb-happy boys in the armed forces and the "power boys of great cartels" seemed to have a new creed—that "all men shall be cremated fire and equal" in another war.

He said the Progressive Party was not calling for "peace at any price but peace with reason and honour."—United Press.

Guerilla Activity In East Java

Batavia, October 6.

The Dutch Army here today issued reports of widespread Communist guerrilla activity in East Java following the capture of the Communist stronghold of Madiun by Republican Government troops last week.

The statement said organised fighting against Republican Government troops continued in the Tjepu oil centre and fires were raging near the oil fields and nearby refineries.

Near Kallurang, Communist bands were preparing for nightly attacks on the Republican capital of Jogjakarta, the statement added.

The Security Council's Good Offices Committee is due to go to Kallurang next week to begin more negotiations in an attempt to settle the protracted Dutch Republican dispute.

The Dutch Army report said Communist forces were nightly attacking Magelang, Tembung and Parakan in the Kedu Residency, Central Java. The whole of the Rembang Residency in North Java was firmly in Communist hands while Republican forces moving toward Communist-held Paltan, a south coast port, were making slow progress.

Around Blitar, in East Java, a Republican Army brigade of five battalions which had joined the Communists was facing a Republican brigade, one battalion of which was Communist.

The Dutch statement added that the Siliwangi Division which took part in the recapture of Madiun consisted largely of followers of the Trotskyite leader, Tan Malakka.—Reuter.

Widespread Earthquakes

London, October 6.

Earthquake shocks were recorded around 8.00 p.m. GMT last night on seismographic apparatus in Bombay, Shanghai and Stuttgart; Reuter reports said today.

Details given varied widely. The Siceaw Observatory, Shanghai, reported a "prolonged" shock which it placed at "Chungking, close to the Tibetan frontier, close to the Tibetan frontier, close to the Tibetan frontier."

Bombay estimated the shock centre to be in Russian Turkestan, and reported "very great intensity."

Stuttgart's meteorological service spoke of a "series of slight earthquakes about 6,000 miles away," and suggested Siberia as the epicentre. German scientists termed the tremors "nothing unusual."

A Reuter report from Tehran tonight said that 200 people were killed and thousands injured during an earthquake at Meshed, capital of the North Eastern Persian province of Khorasan, last night, according to Tehran newspaper reports. "Tremendous damage" was reported.—Reuter.

Two Suicides With One Rope

Venice, October 6.

An Italian woman found dead by hanging here left a note saying she had decided to take her life with the same rope and at exactly the same time that her husband committed suicide 20 years ago.

She said she had carefully preserved her husband's suicide rope during twenty years of sorrow.—Reuter.

Greek Govt Asks US For More Money For Forces

Washington, October 6.

The Greek government, faced with mounting guerrilla action, has made a surprise request to the United States for more money to increase the Greek armed forces, it was learned today.

This was acknowledged by the State Department today in the wake of an optimistic report on the Greek aid programme submitted to Congress yesterday by President Truman.

The authorities said the President's report properly portrayed the feeling of the United States for the period covered, but pointed out that the widely proclaimed success of the recent Grammos mountain campaign was apparently over-estimated by all concerned.

The reported defeat of the Communist-led guerrillas in the Grammos mountains was by no means decisive. The rebels actually have increased their forces during late summer from an estimated 17,000 men enlisted a year ago to around 22,000. Submarine squads are more active throughout Greece.

These factors were understood to have prompted the Greek request for more funds to wage an intensified battle against the guerrilla forces. The request was delivered to the American Embassy in Athens on September 30 in the form of a memorandum.

The State Department spokesman said: "The State Department has received a memorandum from the Greek government regarding the possibility of increasing the Greek national forces to seal their borders. The Department is giving this memorandum active consideration."—United Press.

REBEL LEADERS TO DIE

Paris, October 5.

Six men, accused of being leaders of last year's nationalist revolt in Madagascar, were sentenced to death by the Criminal Court in Antananarivo yesterday, the Agence France Presse reported.

Four others were sentenced to hard labour for life. Those sentenced to death were Joseph Ravanahangy, a 54-year old doctor and Deputy in the French Parliament, Dr. Joseph Raseta, also a Deputy, Sylvain Joel, Max Tatin, Martin Rakoto-va Akotoarisonnina.

The other four were Dr. Rabemanjara, another Deputy, Ranaivosoa, Rabantandro and Razafindralambo.

The revolt broke out in March, 1947, and for some weeks there was fierce fighting between the French forces and the rebels.

It was estimated that 20,000 people were killed from March to July. Over 500 islanders were arrested. In December last year, 10 leaders were sentenced to death and 62 others received varying terms of imprisonment for their part in the rebellion.

Poison Plot

Ravanahangy, whose long black cloak, large moustache and almost blind head made him a familiar figure in Madagascar politics, was sentenced to hard labour for life in 1916 on charges relating to a plot to poison all French colonists on the island.

Reprieved in 1922 and allowed to return to Antananarivo in 1930, he ran an anti-French newspaper. He was elected to the French Parliament in 1945.

Raseta, who was also convicted in connection with the 1916 plot, was elected a Deputy in 1946.

As well as the sentences of death and hard labour passed today, Jules Ranaivo, a member of the Council of the Republic, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, and Ranaivosoa, also a member of the Council, to five years.

Three others were sentenced to 10 years and another to five years. Twelve other persons were acquitted.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Double Tenth Race Meeting

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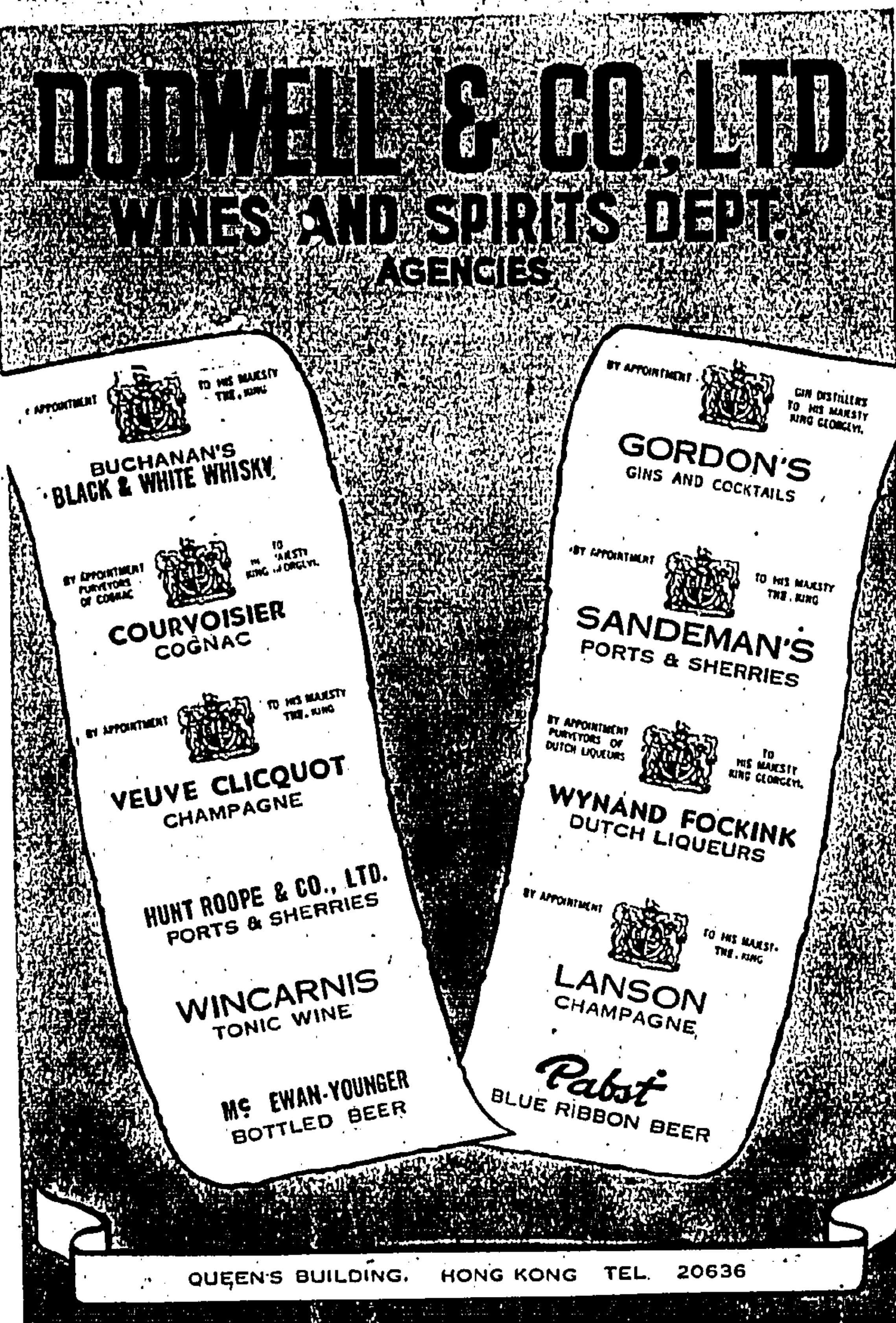
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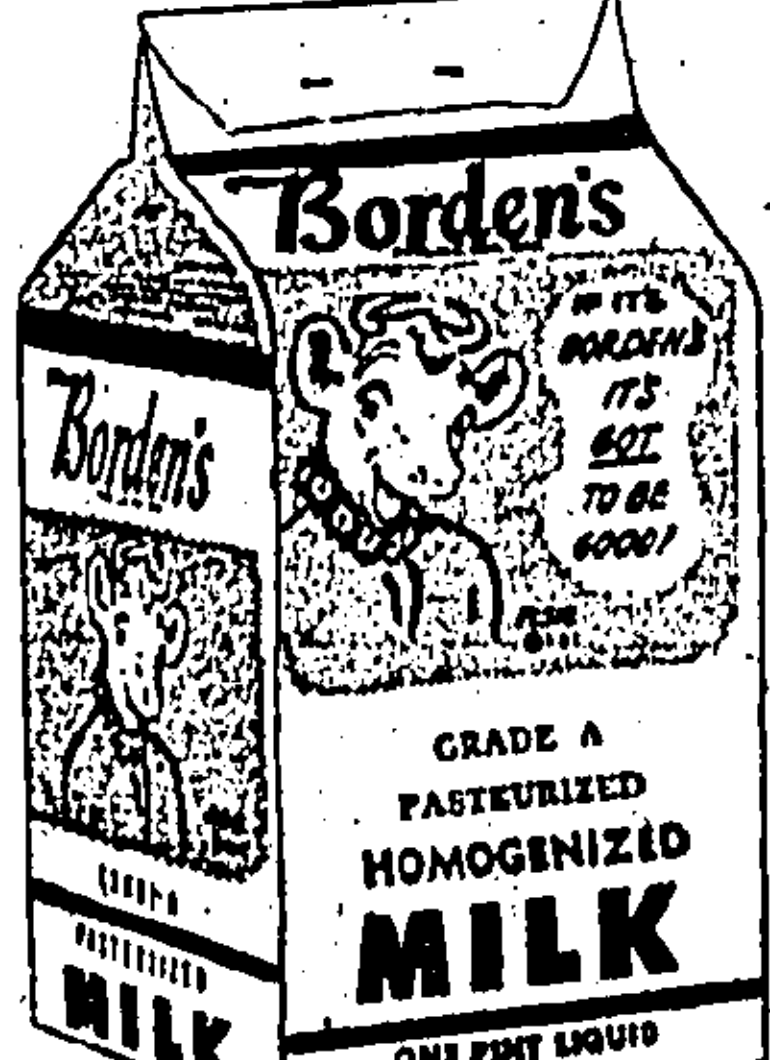
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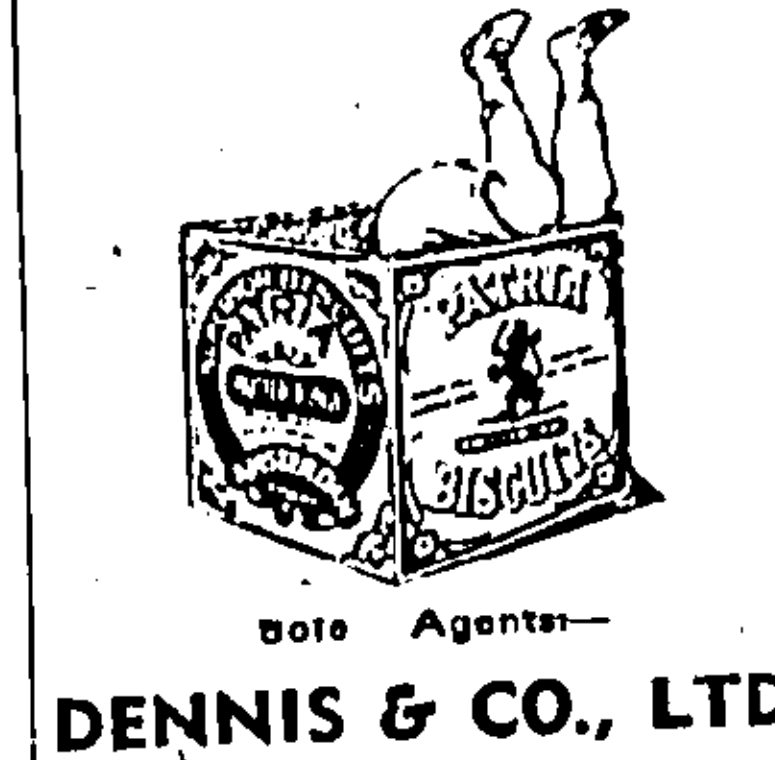
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CINEMA WORLD

SHADOWS BEFORE

"UNCONQUERED" (Queen's). Stars: Gary Cooper, Paulette Goddard.
Cecil B. de Mille is a name to reckon with in the film business. The very mention of it stirs the average filmgoer and sets him thinking of great rolling masses of drama thundering from the screen and swamping the audience with a tidal wave of emotions. That is his reputation, and well-earned it is.

That the same Cecil B. de Mille should have produced "Unconquered" is sad. It is not worthy of the man or his reputation. All the ingredients of a great picture are there. The story is not new but is the sound, simple tale of early settlers in America and their battle for survival under the constant menace of the tomahawk and scalping knife. The events chosen for the spotlight in the film all have unlimited dramatic value.

But, what could have been an honest drama has turned out a dishonest travesty. Everything points to the fact that someone, possibly Mr. de Mille, has been so engrossed in making the film "stupendous" and "colossal" that he has quite forgotten that one actor giving a genuine performance is worth a thousand shouting throngs.

"Nobody has a chance in this wilderness," declares Paulette Goddard at one stage. She has just seen the butchered bodies of a family that fell foul of the Indians. She had every reason to feel depressed. She had arrived in America as a bond slave, had been cheated out of her freedom and made to work as a skivvy, and had, immediately previous to making the above statement, been rescued in the nick of time from some irate Indians who were preparing to give her the slow death.

Yet, with all she had been through, and in spite of the fact that she was as said, "in this wilderness," the Technicolor showed up to fullest disadvantage her perfectly painted lips, rouged cheeks, blackened eyelashes and the glaringly artificial disarray of her auburn hair.

In that, at least she was consistent. While on her knees, scrubbing the floor in a cesspit of a tavern, dressed in what was apparently a piece of sack, she maintained her chocolate-box countenance.

In the film her name is Abigail. She acts more like a Flit or Suzette. Gary Cooper, as the grim-lipped, true blue hero, Captain Holden, is just Gary Cooper. Adequate but uninspired is probably the kindest way of describing his performance.

Villainy is laid on with a trowel by Howard de Silva. All his lip-curling, sneering, and bready staring must have made his face ache for weeks. One felt that he suffered from frustration in not having a long black moustache to twirl and a cloak to swirl about him.

As an Indian chief Boris Karloff grunts in a surly but satisfactory fashion through his infrequent appearances.

Purely as a garish spectacle, "Unconquered" is a success. As an honest drama, portraying genuine emotions, it was defeated before it started.

CHAMPION FAN

Arlyne Rogers, America's Champion Movie Fan as selected by Motion Picture Magazine, returned to New York from Hollywood, thrilled in the knowledge that she had been granted a very rare privilege for Hollywood visitors—the studio ban against sight-seers was lifted on her behalf and she was given the complete Grand tour.

Troubled since the war by an unprecedented avalanche of tourists, the studios have been tightly clamped recently for all but the most distinguished guests. All major film producers agreed Miss Rogers fell within the latter category.

As a result, Miss Rogers, in addition to being a guest on

Juveniles Are Not Always Young

By Marjorie Beckinsale

Two pet hates of mine which come to light now and then are juveniles who persist in remaining juvenile interminably and mature men who persist in being great lovers.

For the moment I am concentrating on the first of my grouches.

It isn't the physical change to maturity which embarrasses an actor's admirers, but the theory that once a youthful type always a masculine ingenuite, often even when the star has achieved a wife and family.

James Stewart is a case in point, though he has no wife or child to emphasise his advancing years.

Once upon a time, Jimmy Stewart was an ingratiating, lolling young man who turned in some good performances showing him as the type whom most women would like because he was rather romantic in a helpless sort of way.

That idea paid handsome film dividends to Jimmy and his Hollywood employers, but a world intervened. Jimmy Stewart did a damned good job for his country as a serviceman for several years. Obviously, he had become a more mature personality, but what did we care?

A return to the old type of roles, first in "It's a Wonderful Life" and now in "Magic Town" is an odd sort of story. Get-rich-quick schemes when applied to public opinion polls are

not part of our design for living, but when a whole town wins national fame through its opinions on life, then becomes a national laughing-stock and has to pick up the pieces of its reputation, we are somewhat naturally inclined to be rather sceptical.

Stewart is the young man responsible for all this, and I think he is acceptable enough as the ambitious poll gatherer, but his whimsical romance with Jane Wyman and his repentance over his misdeeds bored me greatly.

It is so very, very ingenuous and gives us such a dose of corn. Jane Wyman is far more believable than Stewart.

It's hard to know who benefits by a film being given a misleading title, no matter how successful the product turns out to be.

How many people, for instance would imagine that a film called "Ride the Pink Horse" would be anything more than a good old blood-and-thunder Western instead of an adult, tough thriller containing some line acting?

I think that Robert Montgomery, director and star of the Universal International release, sets himself rather too much of a job in his dual capacity, though he is far too seasoned and conscientious an actor to give a poor performance.

Two or three years ago I saw a youngster called Wanda Hendrix in a very poor Charles Boyer film. She was so promising that I waited for her next role with keen anticipation. She then had a juvenile part in a Bing Crosby film for Paramount which again stood out and now, as the Mexican girl who hovers round Montgomery, she shows that her talent is far above average and her personality registers strikingly.

Most Glittering Star Of The English Stage

The doyen of the London theatre, Sir Charles (late C.B.) Cochran wrote of Gertrude Lawrence that she was "without a particle of doubt the most glittering star of the English-speaking stage. In the theatre world, in London and New York alike, a 'Gertie' first night creates an excitement comparable with a declaration of war or a Presidential election!"

But when the incomparable "G.L." came recently to the British Broadcasting Corporation's microphone in the North American series "Britain's Pleasure Parade," she did not talk theatrical shop so much as the "personal parcel service" which is the reason for her current trip to Britain.

Miss Lawrence has been in charge of the American end of this scheme for the last three years. It enlists Americans as

Personal parcels are the second large-scale manifestation of her uncompromising enthusiasm for Britain: the first was a troop-entertainment tour under the auspices of ENSA which took her the length and breadth of the United Kingdom in 1944, from the frozen Orkneys to the embarkation camps outside Brighton on June 5, the eve of the invasion of Europe, and into the battlefields of Normandy in the middle of August.

She followed up next year with a tour of Pacific warfronts for USO. ENSA's American counterpart. She also took in her stride Stage Door Canteens, Red Cross driving, blood transfusion schemes, books for servicemen and a host of other wartime charities.

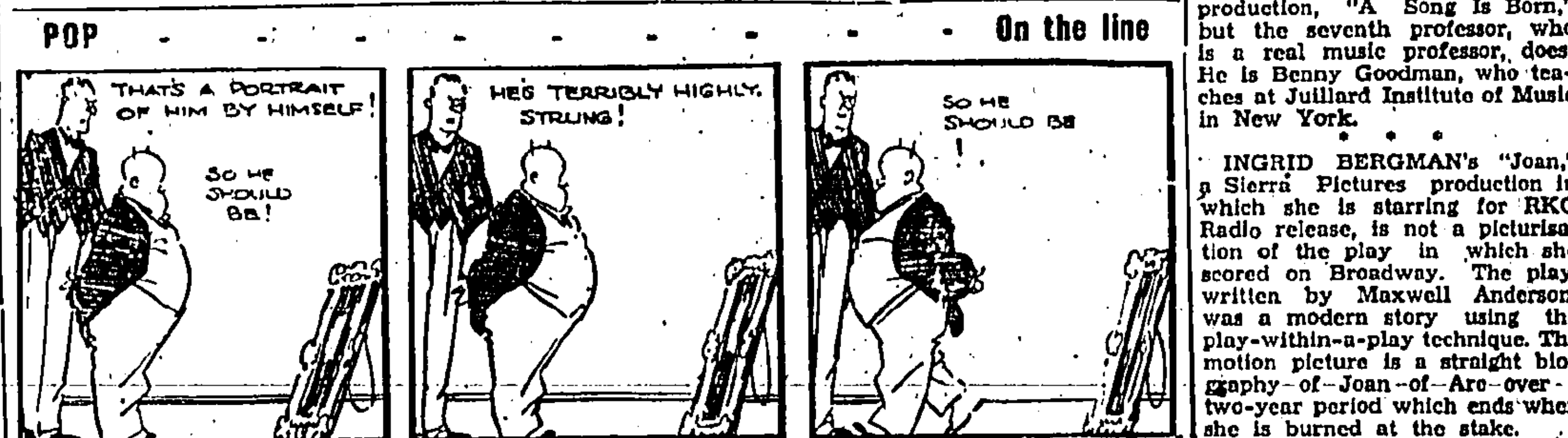
Although now Anglo-American by taste and habit, she is still a British citizen and her British sympathies are a matter of heredity. She was born in the London suburb of Kennington in the shadow of the famous "Oval," and as a child of ten decided that she was irrevocably destined for the theatre when a penny-in-the-slot machine on Brighton Pier pressed on her a card printed "A Star danced and you were born—Shakespeare."

From genteel poverty she pulled herself up by her bootlaces playing small parts in pantomime, in the German morality play "Hannele," and Reinhardt's "Miracle," later one night stands in the provinces, and eventually Charles Kemble's London's West End and thereafter such various roles as revues, sophisticated comedy in "Private Lives," musical fantasy in "Lady in the Dark," and straight tragedy in "Behold We Live," with fame abounding on both sides of the Atlantic.

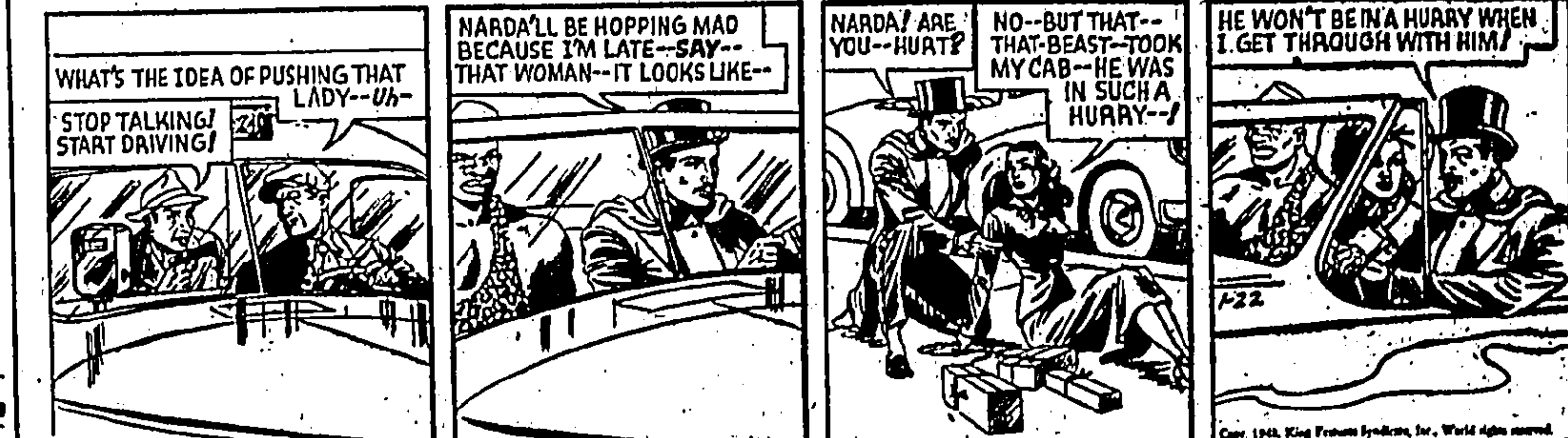
CINE MODITIES

DANNY KAYE, Hugh Herbert, J. Edward Brooking, Felix Bressart, Ludwig Stossel and O. Z. Whitehead need no makeup to portray professors of music in Samuel Goldwyn's RKO Radio production, "A Song Is Born," but the seventh professor, who is a real music professor, does. He is Benny Goodman, who teaches at Juillard Institute of Music in New York.

INGRID BERGMAN's "Joan," a Sierra Pictures production in which she is starring for RKO Radio release, is not a picturisation of the play in which she scored on Broadway. The play, written by Maxwell Anderson, was a modern story using the play-within-a-play technique. The motion picture is a straight biography of Joan of Arc over a two-year period which ends when she is burned at the stake.



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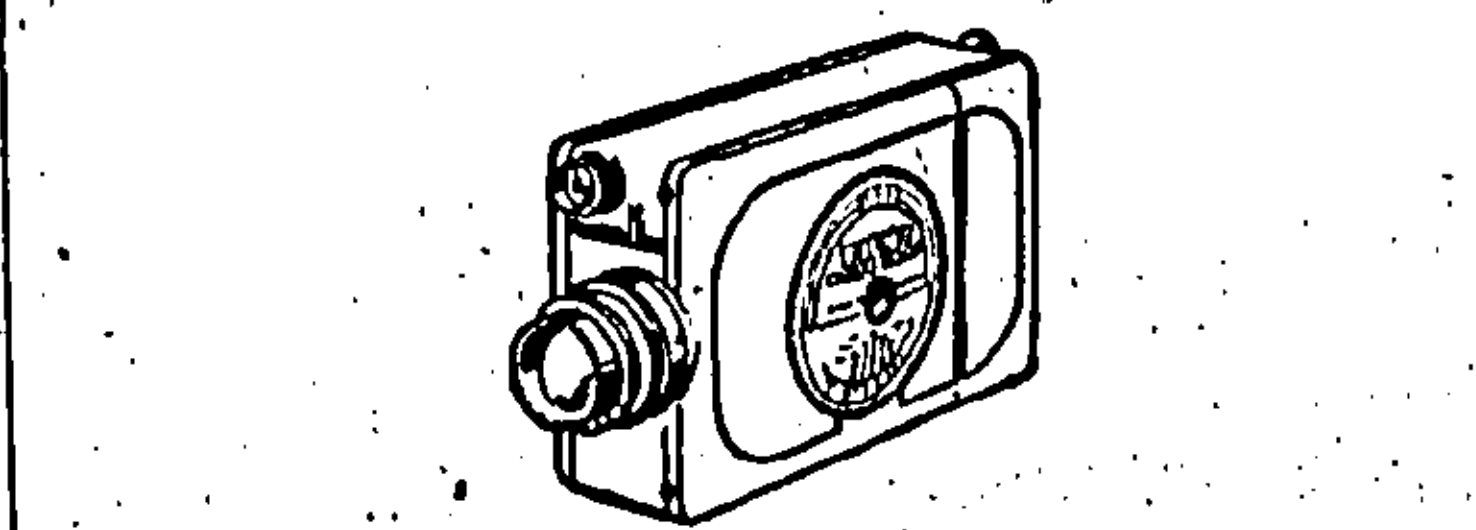


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TRADE REGULATIONS SELECTIVE PURCHASE

New York, October 7.

Liquidation Of US Govt Securities

New York, October 5.

The announcement of higher
bank reserve requirements on
September 8 precipitated an
avalanche of liquidation of
U.S. Government securities.To maintain its per price of
Government bonds at par or
above, the Federal Reserve had
to buy a huge amount of Govern-
ment securities, (\$2,042,000,000,
including bonds worth \$1,331,-
000,000), in the three weeks be-
tween September 8 and last
Wednesday, September 23.These official purchases en-
abled banks and insurance com-
panies etc. to remain easy lend-
ers. The Federal Reserve rein-
stated its pegs on bonds held
mainly by banks through at a
slight further price reduction.
A major price reduction oc-
curred last Christmas. In selling
bonds, banks thus often suffered
depreciation as well as against
possible higher loan requirements
by customers.Nevertheless, banks have been
heavy sellers of bonds, protecting
themselves against a possible re-
duction in the official price sup-
port levels as well as against
possible higher loan requirements
by customers.The Federal Reserve ap-
parently had to buy more than
twice as many bonds as the
banks had sold. Plainly, there
were other sellers besides
banks selling to meet higher
reserve requirements.The National City Bank says
that these accelerated purchases
of government bonds by the
Federal Reserve has created
general nervousness on the pre-
mise that price pegging was in
danger of breaking down as oc-
curred in Britain two years ago.
—Reuter.New trade and financial regulations in China will
increase instead of reduce that country's for-
eign credit, Chinese Finance Minister Wang
Yun Wu said on Wednesday.He assured American businessmen there was no
reason to have fears or worries because of me-
asures designed to stabilise prices and currency
exchange which China put into effect on
August 20.The new trade regulations,
he said, would restrict the im-
portation of only certain classes
of articles, mainly luxury
goods.It is purely a matter of selec-
tive purchase and not at all res-
trictive of trade, Wang told a
trade conference sponsored by the
Pan East-American council of
commerce and industry.Wang said the new economic
measures, of which he was chief
author, were necessary to meet
an urgent national emergency.Dr. D.K. Liu, commercial coun-
sellor at the Chinese Embassy in
Washington predicted there that
there may be more stringent im-
port restrictions to prevent the
squandering of available foreign
exchange.David L. Gordon, Deputy direc-
tor of ECA's China division, told
the conference that special mea-
sures are being taken in China,
Washington predicted there that
there may be more stringent im-
port restrictions to prevent the
squandering of available foreign
exchange.Miguel Cuaderno, Philippine
Secretary of Finance, said efforts
to rebuild Japan were a dis-
turbance factor in Philippine-
American trade relations.He said his nation's relatively
limited objections to Japan's in-
dustrial revival stemmed from
"our legitimate desire to be free
from any influence which might
hamper Philippine economic de-
velopment."Cuaderno said the Philippines
was inviting American capital to
participate in Philippine recon-
struction. He added he had al-ready been approached by four
American financial groups with
propositions to invest in Philip-
pine projects.A US Government spokesman
told the conference there is plen-
ty of private American capital
ready for investment in Asia if
Asian countries would put their
political house in order.—Asso-
ciated Press.

CRIPPS' MAIN ACHIEVEMENT

Washington, October 6.

The United States agreement
that the British dollar programme
under the Marshall programme
should be based on the over-
all dollar and gold deficit of
the whole sterling area and
not her own alone, was de-
scribed by authoritative sources
here today as one of the main
achievements of the talks con-
ducted by Sir Stafford Cripps,
the British Chancellor of the
Exchequer, and American Gov-
ernment officials in Washington
last week.The agreement in fact means
appreciation of the need of keep-
ing the sterling area as the
world's largest currency area
with Britain as its central
banker.It was understood that the
Chancellor, also was an Ameri-
can official recognition of the British
Government's policies that:1. Her present gold holdings
are now at rock-bottom and can-
not be allowed to drop any fur-
ther.2. She cannot allow the un-
qualified transferability of the
sterling grants she is to make to
the European currency pool if
such transferability would involve
the risk of new drains on those
gold and dollar resources.—
Reuter.

New Manila Oil Plant

Manila, October 6.

The Philippine Refining Com-
pany has completed a \$2,000,000
coconut oil plant in a bid to
fully restore a major oil short-
age.
—F. L. Worcester, general man-
ager, told newsmen "there is prob-
ably no better crushing plant
in the world than this one."With its new facilities, the
company hopes to regain, soon
at least 50 per cent of its prewar
export trade. Before World War
II it shipped 90,000 tons of oil
to the United States annually.The factory has storage facil-
ities for 15,000 tons of copra.
It has a crushing capacity of
250 tons and can produce 100
tons of coconut oil daily.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Some Nazis Not To Die

Washington, October 6.

A special United States
army commission has re-
commended a reprieve for a
limited number of Nazis
sentenced to death for war
crimes. The Army Secretary,
Mr. Kenneth Roy, an-
nounced today.
Army officials refused to
say how many recommenda-
tions had been made to
General Lucius Clay, the
United States military gov-
ernor in Berlin.—Reuter.

Truman Reports To Congress

Washington, October 5.

President Truman presented
to Congress today his report on
the final quarter of the year of
Marshall aid ending June 30,
1948.Among the factors which the
President considered favourable
economically were the political
developments in Yugoslavia, the
approval of the European Re-
covery Programme and the
Italian election outcome.The report also said that the
Greek-Turkish aid programme in
the past year had "contributed
significantly towards stabilising
this strategic area of the world."The economic and military
objectives of the Greek pro-
gramme had been reached
"notwithstanding the opposition
by the Communists of their
campaign of violence, sabotage
and banditry."Although internal security in
Greece had not been very fully
restored, the Greek forces had
been provided with the means to
end their campaign successfully.
The report said: "The outlook
for the early reduction of this
problem to police proportions is
promising."United States military aid
for the next year would pro-
vide for continued subsistence
and maintenance for the Greek
armed forces.President Truman told the
Greek people, however, that a
difficult struggle lay ahead be-
fore security and a self-sustain-
ing economy, were assured. In-
volving unity and self-sacrifice.
The report said the Turkish
aid programme exclusively has
strengthened and modernised the
Turkish Army.Fifty per cent of the 1948 pro-
gramme had been completed by
the delivery of 140,000 tons of
military supplies, excluding naval
vessels and aircraft.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN AID FOR MALAYA?

Canberra, October 6.

A Liberal member of the Aus-
tralian House of Representatives
suggested today that Australia
should help Malaya enforce its
ban on the entry of Communists.
Prime Minister J. B. Chifley
was asked in Parliament to offer
Malaya the closest co-operation
to ensure the ban was enforced
and the trouble in Malaya was
not fomented by the entry into
Malaya of undesirable Aus-
tralians.Chifley replied if any country
wished Australia to assist it to
give effect to any law it made it
would get that assistance.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Minor Clashes On Burma Front

Rangoon, October 7.

Negotiations to end the shoot-
ing war between government
forces and the rebel white band
people's volunteer organisations
(PVO) was reflected in a quiet
Burma front Wednesday.A communication reported only
minor clashes, mainly between
government forces and Commu-
nists near Mandalay.An announcement on the out-
come of the peace negotiations is
expected Saturday.The PVO was formed by the
late U Aung San and from mem-
bers of the Burma Defence Army,
which fought against the Japa-
nese, and then disbanded on
Burma's liberation.—Associated
Press.

Manoeuvres In Black Sea

Istanbul, October 6.

Turkish combined naval, mili-
tary and air manoeuvres began
today in the Black Sea area
near the entrance to the Bos-
porus. The heads of the United
States Mission for military aid
to Turkey and some Military
Attaches are following the man-
oeuvres which will last five days.The Turkish President Gen-
eral Inönü, and the Chief of
Staff of the Turkish General
Staff, General Ömerliak, are
present.Interest in these exercises is
enhanced by the fact that most
of the military equipment sup-
plied by the United States to
Turkey will be used for the first
time on a large scale.—Reuter.

Sensational Exposure Expected In Britain

London, October 6.

All Britain today awaited the outcome of police in-
vestigations involving Government depart-
ments and business men, it is believed, may
lead to one of the most sensational exposures
in many years.Embarrassed Scotland Yard and Government, of-
ficials, bombarded by questions, have man-
aged to keep their mouths shut.Unofficial reports, skirting
gingerily round any possibility
of offending the libel laws,
have left the public confused.Some accounts, however, said
today that a preliminary report
prepared by Scotland Yard's
Fraud Squad and presented to
Lord Chancellor Jowitt, the
nation's highest legal authority,
will be put before the Cabinet.The intervention of the Lord
Chancellor, who several weeks
ago asked Scotland Yard to make
enquiries, underlines the impor-
tance of the affair.The investigation concerns al-
leged irregularities in the issue
of permits and licences by the
Board of Trade and goods worth
well over £1,500,000 are thought
to be involved.

Irregular Market

The Fraud Squad detectives
many made their enquiries in
many parts of the country, but
mainly in the North of England.
Their questions have been aimed
at establishing whether or
not many firms have been allowed
irregularly to market control-
led goods which should have gone
for export.Officials of the Board of Trade
and of the Ministry of Supply
have been interviewed.Textiles and paper supplies
have been among the subjects
probed.Reports today brought a
stateless alien into the case.
This mystery man is said tohave arranged costly parties in
his luxury flat in Mayfair, in
London's West End district
where the wealthy and titled
live.According to other accounts
Francis Cecil Price, Managing
Director of a women's depart-
ment stores, laid the first infor-
mation leading to the investi-
gations.He immediately went to the
police, when, it is alleged, he
was approached with an offer
that he could get certain trade
advantages if he paid £10,000.—
Reuter.

Australian Govt Argues Case Of Girl Emigrants

Canberra, October 6.

The House of Representatives was stirred today by
the case of some 20 or 30 Australian girls who
worked for the United States forces in Manila
after the war and later emigrated to the United
States, Britain, Canada and elsewhere.The Information and Immi-
gration Minister, Mr. A. Cal-
well, told the House that the

BURNING SHIP SINKS IN PORT

Copenhagen, October 6.

The Liverpool steamer, Tak-
oradlan (5,452 tons), sank in
shallow water in Copenhagen
harbour tonight after Danish
firemen had battled for several
hours to control a fire which
had broken out aboard.The ship rested on the harbour
bottom with its superstructure
well clear of water level. The
police had cordoned off the dan-
ger area and ordered the crew
of 47 ashore after officials said
there was the risk of an ex-
plosion.Dockyard workers and news-
paper reporters worked with fire
brigades from all over the Danish
capital to fight the blaze. The ship
was unloading cocoa, beans and
palm kernels when the fire broke
out among the cargo and spread
rapidly to the holds.—Reuter.

US Military Aid To Europe

Washington, October 6.

Mr. Robert Lovett, the acting
Secretary of State, declared today
that the United States Govern-
ment was still awaiting final
decisions on the part of the
Western Union Governments be-
fore reaching a conclusion on the
question of American military
aid to Europe.He told a press conference that
with congressional consent needed
to any such programme, it would
be some time before it could be
completed.Likewise, he insisted that
American aid would only be
supplementary and not a sub-
stitute for European countries
own efforts.—Reuter.

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"TASMAN" in port	to Manila 18th October
	to Java Ports and Macassar 26th October
"TJIBADAK" from Macassar 14th October	to Shanghai 26th Nov.
"TJITJALENGKA" from Macassar & Java Ports 28th October	to Javaports & Macassar 9th November

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"BOISSEVIN" from Japan 12th Oct.	to South Africa & South America via Manila, Straits 7th November
"TJIKAMPEI" from South Africa 14th November	to South Africa & South America 6th Dec.
"TEGELBERG" from South Africa & South America 22nd November	to South Africa & South America 6th January

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"HEINRICH JESSEN" from B. Dell & Straits 12th Oct.	to Swatow & Amoy 15th Oct.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Departures
"LANGLESCOT" from Japan & Shanghai 17th October	to Europe via Manila & Straits 19th October
"MARIEKERK" from Europe end October	to Europe via Straits Mid November
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

ECE TO SET UP COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

Geneva, October 5.

The United States will support fully the efforts to improve East-West trade through the medium of the new Committee to be established in the Economic Commission for Europe on American source said today.

The establishment of a new organisation to act as the only contact between the European Recovery Programme countries as a group and the countries of Western Europe on matters of general European economic concern was primarily assured by the action of the special 22-nation Committee at an early hour this morning.

London Stock Exchange

London, October 6.

Government stocks made further upward progress in the London Stock Exchange today. Buying was spread over a broad lot and resulted in gains up to 3/16. Once again, small investors provided the bulk of today's business.

The international situation continued to encourage a note of caution in the markets which today never provided any real signs of life.

The were one or two marked improvements among industrial, Of groups, iron, steel, electrical engineering and tobacco, however, small gains, share prices were particularly in demand. Wheat was 1s. higher at 50 1/2.

In an afternoon, all share prices were generally quietly maintained.

Financial markets were mainly a trade lower. There were due to opinion that any takeover by Brazilian Government may be long delayed.

Interest in South African mines was maintained. New Placers and East Rand extensions, however, of most developments were circulating and produced sharp fluctuations in these issues. Other factors moved under through neglect.

REVENUE: British Consols, 2 1/2, 1941 105 1/2

Consolidated, 2 1/2, 1941 105 1/2

War Loan, 3 1/2, 1942 104 1/2

Victory Bonds, 3 1/2, 1942 104 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES: British Transport, 2 1/2, 1941 105 1/2

Imperial Chemical Industries, 46 1/2

Imperial Tobacco Co. (of U.K.), 50 1/2

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The group recommended without any negative votes, the Eastern countries abstaining, that the ECE set up a Committee on the development of trade to propose means of expanding commerce in which both sides of Europe have such a vital interest.

Unless some Government reverse their decisions, the Committee can proceed to work within a few months. A special session of the ECE may not be necessary to ratify such action in view of a resolution proposed by Poland and adopted near the end of an all-night session calling on the Secretariat to proceed at once to prepare a preliminary for the new Committee to work on.

The exhausted delegates, looking back on the 10-days' bitter struggle over what framework the European nations should establish for bargaining over the top of the political fence which divides them, were inclined to regard the results on the whole as a modest triumph of good sense over suspicion.

Positive Factor

It is not yet certain whether the Soviets will permit the agreement registered here to become an agreement in fact. However, that the terms of reference for a

US Grants New Loans

Washington, October 6.

The Economic Co-operation Administration said today it was ready to lend Britain US\$300,000, 000 and grant smaller loans to ten other countries.

The eleven loans total US\$345,000,000.

Mr. Wayne C. Taylor, the Assistant E.C.A. Administrator, said all the arrangements have been completed and the loans will be granted as soon as the 11 countries are formally notified.

In general, he said, the money will be used to buy machinery.

—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$310 a tael and dropped to \$315.25 just before the tiffin interval. In the afternoon it recovered and by closing time it had climbed back to \$318.87 1/2.

U.S. dollars remained firm, with notes at HK\$5.31 and T2 at \$5.40.

Plasters opened at HK\$10.50 a 100 and closed at the same rate, with a break of \$10.47 1/2 in the interval.

Ticals, opened at HK\$25.50 a 100 and closed at \$25.70.

NET Golders opened at HK\$36.40 a 100 and closed at \$36.50.

Sterling dropped to HK\$13.90, but Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.53.

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Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The market continues dull.

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"NANCHANG"	Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m. 11th Oct.
"SINKIANG"	Singapore, Palembang, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Hongkong, Yokohama	10 a.m. 12th Oct.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	5 p.m. 12th Oct.
"HANYANG"	Amoy, Foochow & Tientsin	10 a.m. 24th Oct.
"FOYANG"	Bangkok	23rd Oct.

ARRIVALS FROM

"TSINAN"	Swatow	11 a.m. 8th Oct.
"SINKIANG"	Shanghai, Amoy & Swatow	10th Oct.
"FOYANG"	Japan, Shanghai, Keelung & Takao	20th Oct.

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"GLENGLYLE"	"	10th Nov.
"EUPHYMEDON"	"	18th Nov.

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"ACHILLES"	Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Sudan & Port Said	12th Oct.
"CLYTONEUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Said	Mid Nov.

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"AGAMEMNON"	"	3rd week Nov.

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"PRODUCE"	Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne	about 11th Oct.
"SHANSI"	Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane	Mid. Nov.

Arrivals from

"YUNNAN"	New Zealand	14th Oct.
"CHANGTSE"	Australia	1st week Nov.
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CATC ex-Kunming	via Luchow	Canton	6.30 p.m.						
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Shanghai	3 p.m.	ex-Canton	10.55 a.m.	1.15 p.m.	3.35 p.m.	5.55 p.m.			
PAN-AMERICAN ex-San Francisco	via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai	1.30 p.m.							

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Shanghai	11.45 a.m.	ex-Hongkong	1.30 p.m.	ex-Amoy	via Swatow	1.55 p.m.	ex-Canton	4.25 p.m.	6.15 p.m.
CATC ex-Kunming	via Luchow	Canton	6.30 p.m.						
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Shanghai	3 p.m.	ex-Canton	10.55 a.m.	1.15 p.m.	3.35 p.m.	5.55 p.m.			
PAN-AMERICAN ex-San Francisco	via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai	1.30 p.m.							

SUNDAY

CNAC ex-Shanghai	11.45 a.m.	ex-Hongkong	1.30 p.m.	ex-Amoy	via Swatow	1.55 p.m.	ex-Canton	4.25 p.m.	6.15 p.m.
CATC ex-Kunming	via Luchow	Canton	6.30 p.m.						
H.K. AIRWAYS ex-Shanghai	3 p.m.	ex-Canton	10.55 a.m.	1.15 p.m.	3.35 p.m.	5.55 p.m.			
PAN-AMERICAN ex-San Francisco	via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai	1.30 p.m.							

Departures

TODAY

NAC for Shanghai	12.45 p.m.	Shanghai	1.30 p.m.	Swatow	8.40 p.m.	Amoy	via Swatow	8 a.m.	Canton	2.15 p.m.	4 p.m.
CATC for Shanghai	10 a.m.	Amoy	7 a.m.	Taipei	via Swatow	Amoy	8 a.m.	Nanking	via Canton	6.30 a.m.	1 p.m.
H.K. AIRWAYS for Canton	9 a.m.	1.15 p.m.	3.35 p.m.	5.55 p.m.							
PAN-AMERICAN for New York	via Canton, Honolulu, San Francisco	1.30 p.m.									

TOMORROW

NAC for Shanghai	12.45 p.m.	Shanghai	1.30 p.m.	Swatow	8.40 p.m.	Amoy	via Swatow	8 a.m.	Canton	2.15 p.m.	4 p.m.
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POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

PARCELS FOR UNITED KINGDOM

The next Parcel Mail for United Kingdom will close on Monday, October 11, 1948, at 10 a.m. (G.P.O.)

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

CAROLINE MOLLER (Mollers), British, 110 tons, ex-Okinawa, J. Adams, Remy WHI.

TODAY

NEWCHANG (H. & S.) ex-Singapore, 110 tons, ex-Okinawa, J. Adams, Remy WHI.

Shipping Departures

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READEVERETT (Everett) for Manila, 110 tons, ex-Okinawa, J. Adams, Remy WHI.

EMPIRE FARRAR (Wallers) for Hongkong, 110 tons, ex-Okinawa, J. Adams, Remy WHI.

FENGTEIN (H. & S.) for Singapore, 110 tons, ex-Okinawa, J. Adams, Remy WHI.

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